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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.52	4.35	5.29	7.21
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.08	11.18	12.48	2.08	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.2	8.19
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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	8.45	—	—	—	—	3.00
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.06	10.33	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.08	6.40
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
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Shataukok	... ...	8.40	3.15	4.15	7.20

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Shataukok	... ...	6.30	10.15	1.05	2.05	5.00	5.15
Fanling	... ...	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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CAPTAIN'S HEROIC WIFE.

SAW HUSBAND SWEPT FROM DECK.

NURSE INJURED IN GALE.

A woman's heroic efforts to save the life of a dying man and to succour officers and seamen during one of the fiercest Atlantic gales for a decade were described when the steamer *Andreas* limped into dock at Birkenhead on November 26th.

The heroine is Mrs. O'Donnell, of Liverpool, wife of the captain of the vessel. Her ordeal took place near "Devil's Hole," 700 miles south-west of the Fastnet, and about 100 miles from the spot where the officers of the Aldworth made a superhuman effort to save their ship.

In the light of a bright moon Mrs. O'Donnell saw from the chart house her husband and three seamen swept from the after deck by a tremendous sea, and flung back again by a terrific sea, which was almost as high as the funnel.

How they escaped death was a mystery to the remainder of the crew, who, when the water receded from the deck, found Captain O'Donnell with a useless left leg. Chief-Officer J. Boulton, of Liverpool, was wedged behind the window with internal injuries, and three others were more or less seriously injured.

Vain Calls for Help.

Without hesitation Mrs. O'Donnell left the bridge, bandaged the men's wounds, made hot drinks for all, and comforted them for 24 hours. Endeavours were made in vain to procure medical advice by wireless from other steamers, and the chief officer died from his injuries. He was buried at sea, the chief engineer officiating at the service.

The other injured were:—Captain O'Donnell, torn sinews and muscles of the left leg; Carpenter F. Hunt, broken finger and injured foot; Bo'sun Gilbert, injuries to back; N. Preen, injury to head.

A graphic account of the episode, which occurred while the *Andreas* was hove to, with her steering gear carried away, was given to a Press representative by Captain O'Donnell.

"I was in the thick of it, with the men settihg up relieving tackle," he said, "when a heavy sea from amidships washed us all around the deck, I cannot describe the fierceness of it, for within two seconds we were a washed away and were unable to see anything.

Swept Back on Deck.

"I thought I was under water at the stern, and the minutes which elapsed seemed like an hour before I felt myself lifted forward again and my feet eventually touched the deck. It was one of the fiercest gales I have ever encountered."

"Second Officer W. S. Heggen brought the ship to the Mersey and, with Third Officer J. R. Nisbet, worked day and night."

Mrs. O'Donnell, who has accompanied her husband to sea for 15 years, said, "The storm was indescribable. At night I could not lie down, and from the chart room the seas seems to reach the top of the funnel. The wind howled, and the vessel went up and down so much that I was frightened, in spite of my long experience. It was the worst gale I have ever experienced."

The *Andreas*, which was on a voyage from Baltimore with a cargo of coal, lost some of her cargo, after the steering-box and the hand-gear were broken. She is a vessel of 5,450 tons, and is owned by the Byron Steamship Co., London.

LIFE TOO EASY.

FAMOUS DOCTOR'S VIEWS ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

That modern life is too "soft" is the contention of Sir George Newman, chief medical officer of the Board of Education, in his annual report.

"In the upbringing of childhood and youth," he states, "there is need of the health culture, self-knowledge and spirit of the Greeks as well as the discipline, order and sense of duty of the Romans, and mothers and schoolteachers should bear this in mind.

"Year by year there is a steady and undiminishing stream of defect or physical impairment of the entrants into the schools at five years of age, and there is also a steady burden of disease in older children apparently never lessening, which requires medical or surgical treatment.

"At all school ages there is something like 23-26 per cent. of the children sufficiently abnormal as to require medical treatment, and even this substantial figure excludes dental disease, uncleanliness and disorders of the mind.

"The figures relating to nutrition show that in 1915, 32 per cent. of entrant boys were classed as 'good;' in 1920, 26 per cent.; in 1925, only 21 per cent.

"The corresponding percentages among girls were respectively 32, 28 and 22.

"Since 1913 there has been an increase in height, in the case of boys of from 40.6in. to 41.3in.; of girls from 40.2in. to 40.9in."

The cost of the English school medical service in 1924-25 was £1,300,347.

MOTOR BANDITS' JEWEL RAID.

£1,000 HAUL IN PALL MALL.

ESCAPE AFTER WORK OF FOUR SECONDS.

In four seconds one evening last month a man leapt from a motor-car in Pall Mall, S.W., smashed the window of the jewellery shop of Messrs. R. H. Halford and Sons with a brick, stole gems worth about £1,000, and was driven away.

When an assistant in the shop rushed into the street on hearing the smashing of glass, he saw the door of the car being closed as it drove away. He ran after it as it proceeded eastwards up Pall Mall and shouted "Stop thief!"

As the car drew near Waterloo-place the assistant was delighted to see that the traffic was being held up at this point. He and the passers-by who had joined in the chase redoubled their efforts.

Part of Number Known.

To their chagrin, just as the bandit's car pulled up behind the line of waiting vehicles the policeman at the corner of Waterloo-place released the traffic and the motorist managed to escape.

The vehicle is described as a four-seater touring car of a dark colour. It had the hood up.

Only the letter and the first three of the four figures of the registration plate of the motor-car were noted, so that 10 cars came under suspicion. The letter and figures were at once circulated to every police station in London, and a sharp look-out was kept for any cars with number-plates of that description.

The most valuable of the stolen articles was an opal bead necklet worth between £400 and £500.

A director of the firm told a Press representative that the raid had been amazingly swift. "I was at the back of the shop about 6 p.m. when I heard the crash of glass, and at once ran to the front," he said.

"It could not have taken me four seconds to reach the door, but when I got there there was no sign of the car."

The raid was exceptionally daring, not only because Pall Mall is busy at the time it took place but also because of the danger of the car being held up by traffic blocks.

THE LATE M. KRASSIN.

T. P. O'CONNOR'S PEN PORTRAIT.

Writing in a recent number of the *Sunday Times*, Mr. T. P. O'Connor says of the late Mr. Krassin, the Soviet representative in London:—

I heard with really sincere regret of the death of Mr. Krassin. I met him for the first time some years ago on the Terrace of the House of Commons, and was introduced to him at his own request; he produced at once upon me a very agreeable impression. It was a handsome face; it was a candid and also a kind face; and I could see no connection between his personality and that of the very drastic régime with which he was associated; as a matter of fact, though in the days of the Czar, like every lover of liberty, he was a revolutionary, and though he always remained of strong radical opinions, he was by no means a fanatic. He held it to be his duty to help Russia, for Russia was his country, and to place at the disposal of the existing Government his very great abilities.

In his way he was a genius. He held a very high position in the great firm of Siemens-Schukurt for some years before the war, and nobody achieved a high position in that firm without conspicuous technical abilities. He had also a high spirit of patriotic fervour. Undoubtedly he was the victim of overwork; and almost to the very hour of his death he was still working in the interests of his country.

Krassin's Beautiful Daughters.

I did not see him when I went to his reception. Like all the other guests, I was received, not by himself, for he was upstairs in bed, too ill to come down, but by his secretary and by his wife, a handsome, gentle-looking, but, of course, extremely anxious woman. I was introduced to two of his three daughters at the reception, and I invited them to come and take a cup of tea on the Terrace and see the inner life of the House of Commons; like everybody else, I was immensely struck with them. They both have faces of striking beauty, a perfect oval in shape, the eyes large, dark, and soft, the expression almost childlike in its simplicity. The best idea I can give of their appearance is that of "dark Madonnas." One of them is now an enthusiastic student at Newnham, violently Anglophile, and thoroughly enjoying her residence in England, and especially in her Cambridge college. The other Miss Krassin is not so dark as her sister; this Miss Krassin, who has the same intellectual energy as her sister, acted, I believe, in a secretarial capacity to her father. The girls speak with real enthusiasm of their father, who was the most devoted of parents. Both these beautiful girls speak English perfectly and several other languages.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Open Day and Sale of Work, Victoria British School, 10.30 a.m.

8th Yearly meeting, China Light and Power Company (1918), Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.

Bishop of London (the Right Hon. A. F. Winnington Ingram, D.D., LL.D., K.C.V.O.) due on *President Lincoln*.

Bishop of London entertained to tiffin at Hong Kong Club, 1.15 p.m.; attends "At Home" for Church Workers, Cathedral Hall, 4—6 p.m.

Cricket: K.C.C. *v.* K.O.S.B.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Automobile Committee Meeting, 5.15 p.m.

Christmas Revels and Fairy Play at Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m. In aid of M.C.L. and Seamen's Institute Funds.

H.M.S. *Vindictive* concert, R.N.C. Theatre, 8.45 p.m.

Boxing Tournament, Murray Barracks: Borderers' *v.* H.M.S. *Hermes*.

Annual Ball of Hong Kong Police Force, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."

World Theatre: "The White Desert."

Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Honolulu, etc., and Europe *viâ* Siberia (*President Lincoln*). Outward: Australia and New Zealand (*Tango Maru*), 9.30 a.m.

Friday.

Christmas Eve.

Hong Kong Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church: First Evensong of Christmas, 5.30 p.m.; Midnight Communion, 11.30 p.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.

Annual dinner and ball of Chief and Petty Officers of the Royal Navy (China Squadron), City Hall, 8.15 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Repulse Bay Hotel Christmas Eve Dance, 8.30 p.m.—12 midnight.

Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."

World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."

Principal Mails:—Inward Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Khiva*); Canada, U.S.A., etc., and London *viâ* Canada (*Empress of Canada*). Outward: Europe and U.K. *viâ* Marseilles (*Khiva*), 5 p.m.

Saturday.

Christmas Day.

Bishop of London will celebrate Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and will preach in St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Christmas services at St. Andrew's Church.

St. Peter's Church: Christmas Communion, 8 a.m.; Sung Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m.

Football: Portugal *v.* China in *Sunday Herald* Charity Cup Competition. H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.

Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."

World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."

Sunday.

Bishop of London preaches on H.M.S. *Hawkins*, 9.30 a.m.; at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 11 a.m.; and at St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m. Visits Diocesan Girls' School and Blind Home in the afternoon.

St. Stephen's Day: Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, 8 a.m.; and matins and sermon at 11 a.m.

Yachting: Annual Race to Macao and back for Potts' Challenge Cup. Start, 7.30 a.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.

Christmas Carol Service, and Organ Recital, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."

World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Suez (*Kalyan*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Kalyan*), 9 a.m.

Monday.

St. Peter's Church, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Fanling Hunt paper chase.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Cricket: Army *v.* H.K.C.C. (Club ground); K.C.C. *v.* Navy Club de Recreio *v.* Volunteers.

Football: England *v.* Scotland in *Sunday Herald* Charity Cup Competition, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Boxing Day dance, Craigengower Cricket Club.

Boxing Night carnival dance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.—1 a.m.

Repulse Bay Hotel Dance, 8.30 p.m.—12 midnight.

Tuesday.

The Holy Innocents: Holy Communion, St. Peter's Church, 7.30 a.m.

Bishop of London addresses Mothers' Union Quarterly Service, St. John's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m.

(*Continued on next Column*).

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Cricket: Army *v.* H.K.C.C. (Club ground).

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" at City Hall for Lord Bishop of London. Tea, 4.15 p.m.; meeting, 5.15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Oxford and Cambridge Society annual dinner, H.K. Hotel (Guest of honour, the Bishop of London).

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Antolycus*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

St. Peter's Church: Holy Communion celebrated by Bishop of London, 7.30 a.m.

Bishop of London visits Diocesan Boys' School and the Victoria Home, Kowloon, in the morning; lunches at Fanling; delivers devotional address at St. John's Cathedral, 8 p.m.

Cricket: Army *v.* Navy (H.K.C.C. ground).

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

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The Peak Club ball room was filled to overflowing with children and their parents yesterday morning when the prize giving took place. Besides the children actually attending school during the past year, there were many guests who had come to witness the play and songs, the dances and recitations, so charmingly performed

Programmes, illustrated by the pupils, and each of different design, were distributed throughout the audience, and the first item was a play:—"La Belle au Bois Dormant." The Queen with her consort sat behind a horseshoe table, prettily decorated with sweetpeas, and geraniums. The wine glasses were ready filled with precious fluid for the Toast which she proposed in clear and steady tones, and which met with fine response from all the company. The baby Princess slept beside her in her long robe, fearing nothing from that unfriendly godmother in the tall hat. She was quite right, for that same little witch displayed a fine theatrical gift; her dancing was a delight to herself and the audience, particularly on her second appearance.

The play was quickly followed by "Ten Little Nigger Boys" wearing most black and fearful masks, and displaying a jolly indifference to the fate of each in turn; in fact celebrating the demise with a dance or two about the prostrate bodies.

Then came "The Elf and the Dormouse," and six children dancing an Irish Jig. A Tinies' dance, and a very pretty scene of fairies dancing amongst the Mushrooms, such pretty large umbrella mushrooms, that never were on land or sea. At first they danced and slept in mouse-coloured frocks with hoods and big ears, and were joined by Elves in flaming coats of orange, and others in white. "Playmates" became a circular dance in which the boys, with bows, gave flowers to the girls, who curtsied.

"Midsumer Night's Dream" Recitation, and a pretty song tableau, entitled "The Christmas Tree" concluded the programme, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

It is not easy, at a casual glance, to estimate the amount of work such an entertainment involves on the promoters. The children sang and acted for nearly one and a half hours, with scarcely a hitch: they danced with grace and ease and enjoyment, and without casting any of the fearful glances at the wings usually associated with such juvenile performers. Their vast variety of dresses were mostly composed of coloured crinkly paper, ornamented by painting, and careful cutting of frills. In the first act the Queen wore a pale mauve crinoline frock with tight fitting bodice, and a fissue. On her head was a bandeau-crown of pearls and diamonte. The King was gorgeously clad in red doublet and bore a gold crown. All these and so many other garments were arranged by the producers.

Those taking part in the play "La Belle au Bois Dormant," were:—Marion Lane (Queen), Morley Horder (King), Rosemary King (Princess), Teddy Bullock (Prince), and Mary Chesterton, Barbara Hance, Heather Hance, Joan Frank, Olga Durrschmidt, Betty Conant, Nancy Hornell, and Muriel Gubbay (fairies).

The Irish Jig was danced by Nancy Hornell, Rosemary King, Helen Lindsell, and Shiona MacKichan. The extract from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was acted by C. Clementi (Oberon), Shiona MacKichan (Queen), Bobby Rogers (donkey), Jackie Upsdell (Puck), Helen Lindsell, Aileen Provost, Margaret Forster, and Stella Bullock (fairies), and Muriel Gubbay.

Lady Clementi, who wore a grey morning frock embroidered with bronze thread on the ties and front panel, and a hat of grey felt in sailor shape with a turned up back, and a small bunch of gold feathers at the right side, attended the performance, and subsequently distributed the prizes to the winners mentioned below.

At the conclusion, Mr. E. Ralphs expressed thanks to Her Excellency and also to Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Bullock who had been mainly instrumental in producing such an enjoyable entertainment.

Lady Clementi, in reply, made a short speech of congratulation to all taking part in the prize giving, and remarked that she had a very bad effect on schools, for her visit usually resulted in some form of extra holiday for the children, and this would be no exception. Recalling her own schooldays she added that she had been too full of self-importance to notice the share of work taken by the mistresses, but in this case she felt they must have called all the fairies and elves to assist them in producing such an enjoyable occasion. She wished them a happy Christmas and New Year.

A large bunch of bronze chrysanthemums was presented to Lady Clementi as a token of appreciation of her attendance.

Among those present were Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Prof. L. Forster, Rev. H. Copley Moyle (Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral and the Peak Church), the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School), Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (hon. secretary of the Peak Residents' Association) and Mrs. Hornell.

Report on the Year's Work.

The following extracts are taken from the report of Mrs. C. C. Stark, the headmistress:—The school year began with 52 pupils and closed with 54 pupils. The average attendance for the year was 50. Twelve children were presented in June for the Royal Drawing Society's Preparatory Examination. Ten out of the twelve passed, four of whom got honours. The class work and examination work in all subjects have been satisfactorily done throughout the year. The children gave a display of singing, dancing and recitation in the Peak Club during the Easter Term and it was greatly enjoyed by all who saw it. We were to have given the same display again on July 22nd in aid of charity, but the bad rain storm and typhoon forced us to postpone it. Meanwhile the money gathered by the children was handed over to Mr. Copley Moyle who sent it home for the upkeep of a cripple child. The children have also worked for charity in the M.C.L. Club held at the Mount from May to September. Thanks were accorded to the staff for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year.

Prize Winners.

Class 10: Prizes for general efficiency:—George Cardwell, Peter Cornaby, Robin Hall, George Piercy, Peggy Lambert, Joan Bloomfield, Jean Blackwell, Daphne Macready, Robin Henderson, Catherine Sherry, Charlotte Sanger, Hugh Featherstone, Anne Marcel, Paul Hofstedé, Amy Hofstedé, Anne Forster, Pauline Gray.

Class 9: Prizes for general efficiency:—Elaine Conant, Betty Noll, Helen Forster, Jane Dallin, Margaret Tod, David Wallace, David Crook, Malloch Stark, Richard Cassidy, Harold Conant, Freddie Rodgers, Creswell Clementi.

Class 8:—1st, Margaret Forster; 2nd and drawing certificate, Shiona Mackichan; 3rd, Robert Rodgers; 4th, Edward Rodgers: general improvement, Helen Lindsell and Bobby Yates.

Class 7:—1st and honours drawing certificate, Nancy Hornell; 2nd and

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drawing certificate, Heather Hance. Conduct prize and drawing certificate, Betty Conant; drawing certificate, Barbara Hance.

Class 6:—1st and special prize for neatness, Muriel Gubbay; 2nd, honours drawing certificate and special prize for Scripture, Marion Lane; 3rd and drawing certificate, Mary Chesterton; general improvement and honours drawing certificate, Edward Bullock; drawing certificate, Morley Horder; honours drawing certificate, Joyce Kearney.

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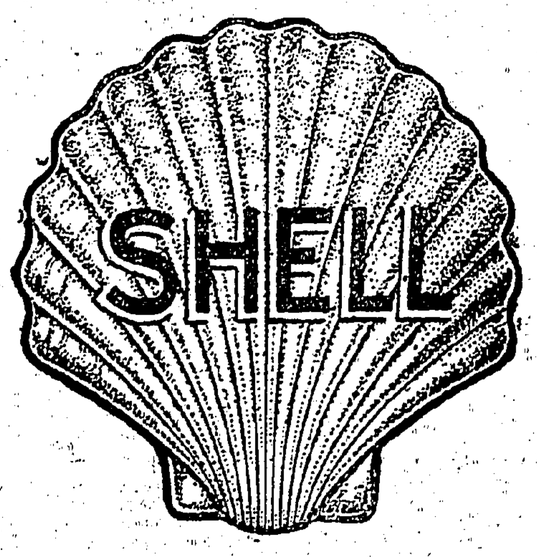

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The first of the two Christmas Matinees was held last night at the Theatre Royal, and I think all the children present, and a great many of the grown-ups will want to go again to-day. The scenery from first to last is so beautiful, and the lighting so carefully controlled, that Hong Kong will be reminded of that year when Mr. Sinclair gave us the four Dunsany Plays, and that is all too long ago. Small voices from upstairs and down were calling for more of the fairies, more of the elves.

The short curtain raiser of these spirits dancing in the gloom was an excellent introduction to the Pastoral Play which followed. This Phantasy, which was previously acted in the open air at Government House during the recent bazaar in aid of the Ministering Children's League and Women's Guild, was a much more delightful idyll when given against a specially constructed background of scenery, and beautifully arranged groups of growing foliage. The lighting gave full value to silks and satins, brocades and laces, and of these there was no stint. Fairies in white gauze, their floating fluffy skirts bordered with sparkling silver tissue; Cupid in his cloth of gold gauze, and arrows to match. Crinoline shepherdess frocks in blue, and mauve, and green, and gold taffeta, and hats wreathed in roses, and secured by black velvet ribbons, and a Prince in gleaming white satin to match his bride's most lovely gown.

Into this scene of splendid fun and frolic, dance and song, rushes the Goddess of Fire, "Mordicante," and shatters all their dreams, leaving the poor Princess to mourn her lover, Alidor. The story is good. It is the treatment that matters, and with a slight quickening of the general pace at which the scenes are played, to-day's audience will have no cause to complain. Miss Capell is a delight to watch, and gives her pupils her own grace and natural love of rhythm.

This entertainment is the most delightful of its kind that has been given in Hong Kong for a long time, and one feel sorry for the child who misses it.

The second half of the programme was in the nature of a variety show of fun and laughter, and received rounds of applause, and calls for more. Unfortunately, time forbad the complete programme being played. It opened with "Christmas in Toyland" showing how wooden and mechanical the graceful pupils of Miss Capell can become when it suits them. Kewpies, Felix, Clown, Beautiful prim dolls and the top drum major were all represented, and accentuated their peculiarities to the toy life.

Shadow pictures followed, an assortment to suit all tastes and ages. Mrs. Hole was particularly pleasing in her silhoutte with song accompaniment. Eng.-Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.N., followed up his triumphal march through "The Pirates of Penzance," by appearing in a shadow picture, and displaying far more ferocity than before.

The red and black chorus followed and was recalled from the wings by cries for more. "Come, Lassies and Lads" has a delightful refrain and this part of the entertainment was most able accompanied by Mrs. F. C. Hall. Her confidence and precision are a very valuable asset to chorus work, and Mrs. Russell-Brown and Mr. Green sang us songs while the red and black chorus showed us new steps for our Christmas dances.

Carols were introduced in an original manner to wind up an excellent evening: the Theatre Royal should be full to-day, I did not notice many service men present at the first performance and I feel that many of the soldiers and sailors in the Colony would enjoy this most cheerful entertainment.

THALIA.

The casts were as follows:—

Part I.—On Zephyr's Wings:—Morals: The Queen, Mrs. Hole; The Princess Gracieuse (her daughter), Miss Birkett; The Lady Babillarde, Miss Stewart; The Lady Gignon, Mrs. Aubrey; The Lady Yvonne, Mrs. Tod (Ladies in Waiting to The Princess); Alidor (a Prince among shepherds) Mrs. Miles; Florian, Mrs. Scovil; Iphis, Miss Scott; Biroquoi, Miss Mitchell (Alidor's friends). Fairies: "Mordicante" (An Evil Fairy and Goddess of Fire), Mrs. Ratsey; "Zeus" (The leader of her Sprites), Miss V. Capell; "Zephyr" (The god of the West Wind), Mrs. Mitchell; "Cupid," Joan Berry; Two more Cupids, Daphne Bird and Elinor Hegarty. Fire Sprites: E. Rose, P. Capell, B. Walker, B. Hance, Meyer, M. Matthews, R. Wong. Gnomes: Micky Gibson, Pam Miles, Jean Mitchell, Helen Lindsell, Aline Purves, Phyllis Grose, Margaret Tod, Joan Leath.

Part II.—Christmas in Toyland (arranged by Miss V. Capell and performed by her pupils): Clowns, T. Welooly and F. Donald; Fancy Dolls, K. Claver and P. Beale; Felix, H. Gaan; Kewpie, P. Rathson; Toy Drum Major, J. Berry; Policeman, E. Ferguson; Fairy Doll, P. Tod. Shadow Pictures (arranged by Mrs. Chater): (*a*) Fidgety Philip (The Story of a Naughty Boy); Philip, Joan Berry; Mama, Mrs. Russell Brown; Papa, Eng.-Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.A.; (*b*) To a Miniature (A Song Picture); The Miniature, Mrs. Hole; Her Courtiers, Mrs. Miles and Miss Scott; Soloist, Mr. Hopkins; (*c*) Suck a Thumb (the Story of a Silly Boy); Conrad, Joan Bercy; Mama, Mrs. Russell Brown; The long legged Scissor Man, Eng.-Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.A.; (*d*) Poor Pierrot (a Story in Dance by Miss V. Capell); Columbine, Helen Ho; Pierrot, Barbara Walker; Harlequin, Phyllis Capell. A Song and Dance Medley (arranged by Mrs. Russell-Brown): (*a*) "Come Lassies and lads; (*b*) Nonsense Rhymes (by Ed. Lear); (*c*) The Toy Drum Major; (*d*) Nursery Rhymes of London Town (a) Petticoat Lane, (b) Whitechaptl, (c) Mayfair, (d) Hampstead Heath, (e) Cheapside; Soloists: Mrs. Russell-Brown and Mr. Green; Dancers: Mesdames Aubrey, Bellamy, Mitchell, Charles, Scovil and Tod, the Misses Mitchell, Shaw and Birkett. The Drum Major, Captain Steele; At the Piano, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Christmas Eve (in an English house): The Host, Mr. Bullock; The Hostess, Mrs. F. Hall; The Carol Singers: Mesdames Russell-Brown, Sanger, Ballamy and Costen, the Messieurs Green, Howell, Pethwick, and Eng.-Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.A.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Hongkong Bank	$1,130 sel.
Do., London	£115 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21 sel.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B	£30½ nom.
Do., C	£13½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ buy.
East Asia Bank	$84 nom.
Canton Insurance	$640 buy.
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North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
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Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.21
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Prague	163¾
Lisbon	2-17/32
Buenos Aires	46-13/32
Bombay	1/5-15/16
Yokohama	2/0½
New York	4.85-1/16
Geneva	25.00½
Milan	108-1/16
Berlin	20.38
Oslo	19.28½
Helsingfors	192½
Madrid	31.74½
Rio	5⅝
Shanghai	2/4⅛
Hong Kong	1/11½
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SAIGON RICE MARKET.

We have received the following report from the Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Orient, of Saigon:—

Our market during this last fortnight has not shown any activity and prices have again slightly dropped.

The enquiry report from Java has slackened and become practically *nil*. As to the China and Japan markets, the needs of which seem important no business is at present possible, the tendency being generally weaker.

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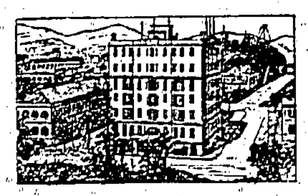

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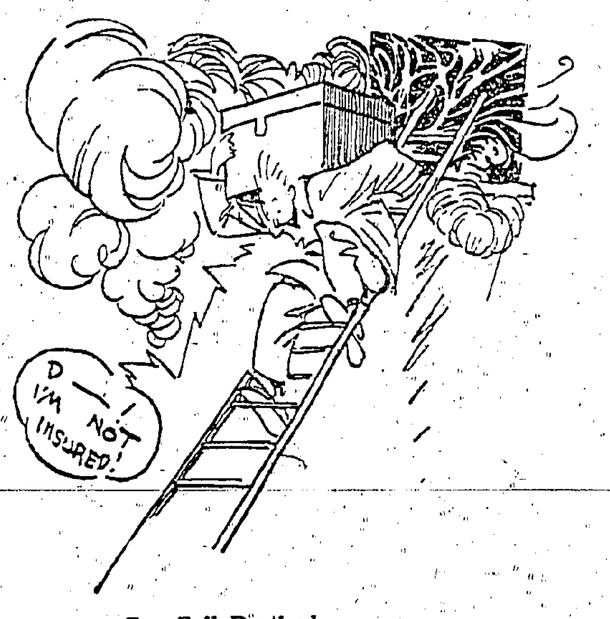

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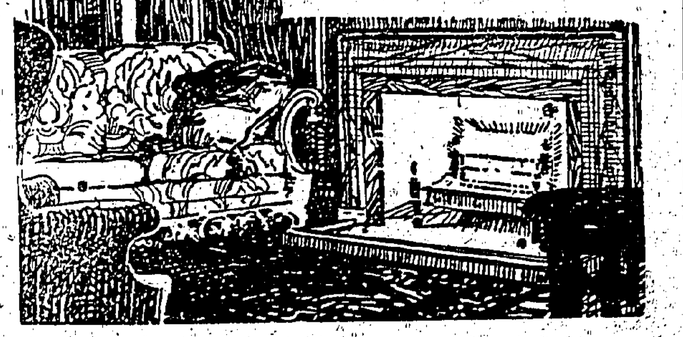

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OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE MATCH.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLUES.

The Hong Kong Varsity match may perhaps hardly claim that sanction of antiquity which belongs to the classic encounter at Lords, nor does the inclusion of a player in the side stamp him at once with the hall-mark of an exponent of first class cricket. But to no other contest does the local match yield in its claim to being a really sporting event of thrilling and breathless interest. Breathless indeed it must be, as many of the flannelled warriors have been dug out from a life of inglorious ease once more to wield the willow on the open albeit at times bumpy, field of fame. But what matters it? The fixture occurs now, as usual, just before the start of the Christmas festivities, and it is regrettable that at the moment of writing no one is really clear who has won how many? All I can say is that last year Cambridge won a gallant victory, while in 1923—(or perhaps later),—they get soundly trounced on that celebrated occasion when the Cambridge team consisted of "the Quick and the Dead."

On this year's occasion Oxford relied chiefly on four players—Sayer, Wood, Venn and Beatty, while all the others as someone put it, if not Ranjis were demnition willing. Cambridge on the other hand had a series of fair all round men of rather the Berthon type. Shortly before the match it is rumoured that 15 had accepted invitations to play! But work,—of all things!—or Naval Hockey Shield Games had robbed them a bit, and during the morning a succession of disasters befell both sides. Venn, the Oxford stumper, was unfortunately ill and had to call off; Warters also cried off the day before. Emley felt his first duty was to the Navy at hockey in the Sim Shield match. Finally at tiffin it was discovered that Cambridge had eleven and Oxford, I think, thirteen. No one quite knows how the matter was adjusted but it was decided that twelve a side should bat 11 field.

The Play.

The game began at 2 p.m. with Beatty (Naval Yard end), and Sayer bowling to Nihill and Wei Wing Lok. Double figures were on the board when Wei let out at one of Sayer's and was well caught at long-on by Noel Evans. Runs came slowly until Sturges was bowled by Beatty. Then for a time Cambridge had a thin time. Nihill was l.b.w. to Sayer and though Wallington hit a couple of fours Beatty had found his length and was bowling very finely. He bowled Abel-Smith off his pad, and his next ball, a beauty, took Hamilton's middle stick. (5 for 32). Pendered and Wallington, however, restored matters a bit for the light blues. Harris, a newcomer, imported for the Cambridge interest but discovered at the thirteenth hour to come from the other side of the street, went on at about 50 but it was not until 82 was on the board that Wallington went way down the pitch to him, missed him, and was bowled. All this time Beatty had been bowling steadily. The fielding, for a scratch side had been surprisingly good.

Lindsell was shortly after bowled by another good 'un from Beatty who about this time had bad luck in missing the sticks by a fraction on several occasions. Once Beatty touched Lindsell's leg stump without removing the bails. Other balls were so close that several times the wicket-keeper made no attempt to take the ball and a few valuable fours resulted,—valuable that is, from the Cambridge point of view. Pendered hit gallantly and Oxford dropped him in the deep more than once.

Trayes, a new arrival, created enormous enthusiasm by hitting Sayer for three fours (the first of them admittedly should have been caught on the boundary) and Syme-Thomson square cut his first ball for four. However, Beatty yorked him next over and Cambridge were out for 133. The last four wickets had yielded fifty invaluable runs.

Oxford Bat.

Wood and Foster opened to Hamilton (Naval Yard end) and Sturges, and the former snicked a lucky four between first slip and the wicket-keeper. Sturges soon bowled Foster with one that pitched on the base of the off stick. Featherstone stopped some good ones but got mixed up with a leg ball from Hamilton and in some marvellous fashion contrived to get caught at second slip. Then Sayer joined Wood and both seemed well set. They took the score to 68 when Sturgess bowled Sager with a beauty that broke back and took the top of the off stick. But Oxford seemed to have the match well in hand when Hawkins proceeded to apply the good old theory of blooming high and blooming hard and blooming often while in more classical fashion Wood knocked bits off the ball. With the score at well over 90 the game seemed well won, when Hawkins skied one of Wallington's and the bowler firmly pushed mid-on out of the way and took a fine catch. (4 for 99).

The Débacle.

Pendered meanwhile had gone on and disaster overtook the Dark Blues. Southorn and Smith went in the next over. Hamilton who had resumed got a break back past Wynne-Jones' defence, and then Wood, who perhaps was a little bit worried at the collapse hit too soon for and all round a stright half-volley from Pendered and was bowled. Cambridge now had a grip on the game and, despite a game effort by the Oxford tail, held on to it. Evans was dropped at second slip off Hamilton and should have been run out next ball, but a misunderstanding led to a similar fate overtaking Harris next over. The batsman apparently thought he had his bat in, but as a matter of fact it was well out of his ground. A fine catch by Pendered at first slip finished the match with a win for the Light Blues by 13 runs.

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GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, January 7th, at 5.15 to consider and, if thought advisable, to confirm the resolution regarding a change in the Articles of Association passed at the meeting on December 16th.

Notes on the Game.

It was a most sporting match and a magnificent finish. Twice, when Cambridge had lost five wickets for 32, and again when they had 90 up for three, Oxford seemed to have the game in their pockets. The play ran very much as was expected. It was a question whether the Oxford experts Sayer, Wood and Beatty could do well enough to defeat the better all round Cambridge side, and they very nearly did.

The game was easily Pendered's. He had actually called off and only got away after 1.15 p.m. He then made 47, took four wickets for 9, and caught a very pretty catch. Beatty's 8 wickets clean bowled for 37 was a splendid performance and he quite struck the form he displayed when he first bowled here some five years ago, swinging in from the off, and breaking as well.

Wood's 52, the top score of the game, was a fine performance. He gave no chance and hit the ball very hard. Sayer's knock too was an excellent one and he had bad luck in buying an unexpectedly good one.

On the whole the Light Blues held on to more catches than their opponents and this gave them their victory. But it really was anyone's match right up to the end.

The thanks of the Society are hereby tendered to Messrs. Hallifax and Hancock for their excellent umpiring. The play was quite bright as 253 runs were scored in 2 hours and 50 minutes actual cricket. The wicket played excellently.

R. ABBIT.

Full score and analysis:—

FIRST INNINGS OF CAMBRIDGE.

J. H. B. Nihill (Emmanuel), l.b.w. b Sayer	13
Wei Wing Lok (Kings), c Evans, b Sayer	3
Lt. G. Sturges (Trinity), b Beatty	1
H. J. Wallington (Downing), b Harris	21
Lt. C. S. Abel-Smith (Trinity), b Beatty	3
E. W. Hamilton (Sidney-Sussex), b Beatty	0
Lt. N. G. Garnon-Williams (G. & Caius), b Beatty	5
T. D. E. Pendered (G. & Caius), b Beatty	47
R. E. Lindsell (Kings), b Beatty	4
Lt. G. F. Renwick (Pembroke), b Beatty	2
F. H. J. Trayes (G. & Caius), not out	13
F. Syme Thomson (Clare), b Beatty	4
Byes 17	17
Total	133

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Cdr. Beatty	14	1	37	5
G. R. Sayer	11	0	55	2
Harris	2	0	24	1

Fall of wickets:—1 for 17; 2 for 21; 3 for 29; 4 for 32; 5 for 32; 6 for 48; 7 for 82; 8 for 101; 9 for 109; 10 for 126; 11 for 133.

FIRST INNINGS OF OXFORD.

B. R. Foster (Queen's), b Sturges	1
A. E. Wood (Univ.), b Pendered	52
Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Wadham), c Sturges, b Hamilton	1
G. R. Sayer (Queen's), b Sturges	22
B. C. K. Hawkins (Hertford), c and b Wallington	14
W. T. Southorn (Corpus), c Garnons-Williams, b Pendered	0
N. L. Smith (Queen's), c Hamilton, b Pendered	0
Lt.-Cdr. Beatty, R.N. (St. Edmond's Hall), c Sturges, b Pendered	0
E. I. Wynne-Jones (Jesus), b Hamilton	0
P. Harris (Exeter), run out	7
Rev. N. Evans (Queen's) not out	7
Rev. G. H. Hewitt (Keble), c Pendered, b Hamilton	0
Byes	16
Total	120

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. W. Hamilton	9.3	2	42	3
Lt. Sturges, R.N.	8	2	26	2
H. J. Wallington	3	0	27	1
T. D. E. Pendered	4	1	9	4

Fall of wickets:—1 for 8; 2 for 20; 3 for 66; 4 for 99; 5 for 99; 6 for 99; 7 for 102; 8 for 102; 9 for 102; 10 for 115; 11 for 120.

The Triangular Matches.

The Christmas Holidays will see the commencement of the triangular set of cricket matches in which the Hong Kong Cricket Club, the Navy and the Army participate annually.

On Monday next the Army play against the Club.

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 29th and 30th, the Army are opposed to the Navy.

On January 1st and 3rd the Navy play against the Club.

All the matches will be played on the H.K.C.C. ground.

To-day's Game.

This afternoon, the Kowloon Cricket Club are at home in a friendly cricket match to the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Volunteers *v.* Club de Recreio.

This match will be played on the Club de Recreio's ground at King's Park, on Boxing Day, at 10.30 a.m.

Volunteers:—H. C. Burgers (captain), J. A. H. Plummer, H. C. Standage, G. P. Lammert, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, A. A. Dand, E. G. Renton, H. J. Armstrong, D. E. G. Nicholson, and C. T. Evans.

THE CHRISTMAS MAILS.

THE LOCAL POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

"KALYAN" DELAYED WITH HOME MAIL VIA SUEZ.

There has been a flood of inward Christmas mails from Home *vid* various routes during last week end and throughout this week. There have been two or three from the United Kingdom and Europe *vid* Siberia, and Home papers yesterday (London, November 18th) *vid* Negapatam on the *Fogtland*.

There will be three more mails from Home and Europe by the time Christmas is here. The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, originally due to-day, is now scheduled in the mail list to come in to-morrow. She will bring letters, papers and parcels from Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai and also letters from the United Kingdom *vid* Canada (dated London, November 19th). The liner sails for Manila on Christmas Day, and returns here on the 30th, when she will go to dock for the annual overhaul.

There have been several "President" liners in port this week. Yesterday there was the *President Jefferson* with American, Canadian and Northern mails and to-day there will arrive about 7 a.m. the s.s. *President Lincoln* which brings 43 bags from Home and Europe *vid* Siberia, and also U.S.A. letters and papers, and Christmas and New Year greetings.

P. and O. Mail Delayed.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan* was originally due here two days before Christmas with the Christmas letter and parcel mail from the Old Country. She was, however, delayed at Singapore and her time of arrival was postponed until Christmas afternoon. Since then, however, the vessel has encountered the strong monsoon, and the *Kalyan* is not now due to arrive here until 10 a.m. on Sunday. The letters of this mail are dated London, November 25th, and the parcels of a week earlier.

It has been arranged that on Monday, which is a holiday for the Post Office workers, there shall be an early morning delivery of letters, with which will be included parcel receipts, so that residents may have an early opportunity of collecting their parcels. The Post Office will remain open from 8 a.m. to noon for handing over parcels.

Christmas Post Office Arrangements.

On Saturday, December 25th, and Monday, December 27th, the General Post Office and branch offices will be open for business as under:—

The G.P.O. and Kowloon Branch Office on Saturday, 8—9 a.m., and on Monday from 8 to noon.

Branch offices at Wantsai, Shenngwan, Saiyingpun, Yaumati and Shamshuipo, from 8—9 a.m. each day.

There will be one clearance of pillar boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day, as on Sundays. There will also be one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

The mail department staffs also have to deal with the outgoing mail for Home *vid* Suez on Christmas Day. This mail closes to-morrow evening at five o'clock, and the P. & O. s.s. *Khiva* sails at noon on Christmas Day.

Local residents wishing to send Xmas cards or greetings to friends in Hong Kong will catch the Xmas day delivery if they post up to 11 o'clock on Xmas morning (the earlier the better, of course).

New Year Mails.

Towards the end of next week we shall be receiving New Year greetings and gifts from Home and America. The inwards mails *vid* Suez have not yet been notified, but there are three, at least,

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

$58,193 WANTED.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will be held this afternoon, when votes totalling $58,193 to supplement the 1926 estimates will be asked for.

Cost of Copper Coins.

To replenish the dwindling stock of copper one-cent pieces an order was placed with the Royal Mint for 2,500,000 coins. A part of the order has already been delivered and the balance is expected in Hong Kong this month. It is estimated that the cost of the whole supply landed in Hong Kong will be $32,000 and as the value as coin is only $25,000 a vote of $7,000 to cover the loss is required.

The metal used in the coins is estimated to cost £1,355.8.4, manufacturing and packing charges £1,500, freight, insurance, etc., £132.11.0. At exchange 1/10¾ this comes to $31,838 and then there are landing charges.

23% Increase in Cost of Provisions.

The sum of $6,000 is asked for by the Medical Department to pay for the higher contract price of provisions for patients in the Hospital and asylums. When the Estimates for 1926 were framed shortly after the commencement of the strike and boycott it was not possible to foresee what prices would be during 1926. When the tenders came in after the Estimates had been framed it was found that there was a general all round increase in the price of provisions, etc. This amounted to 23 per cent. In the face of this it was decided only to give the contract for the first six months of the year in the hope that prices after this period would have fallen. This, however, was not the case and the contract had to be renewed till the end of the year.

The actual expenditure up to end of October amounted to $100,005.73 and the estimated expenditure for November and December is $16,904.27. The amount provided in the estimates and by the supplementary vote was $111,000.

Expenditure at Wembley.

A vote of $16,300 is asked for on account of Hong Kong's participation in the British Empire Exhibition. The estimated expenditure for the Wembley Exhibition 1925 was £25,000 sterling on Expense Account and in addition an advance of $100,000 (repayable) was made on Trading Account. On Expense Account £22,968 15s. 0d. has been drawn to date by the Exhibition Treasurers, and $5,197.60 has further been disbursed by the Colonial Government. The full $100,000 Trading Account was advanced, and $80,000 only has been repaid to date. It is anticipated that a further $10,000 will be recovered. To close all outstanding accounts including the settlement of the balance of the Trading Account a final sum of $16,500 is required. The unexpended balance of the vote of £25,000 namely $17,024 having lapsed in 1925 the sum now asked for is in the nature of a re-vote.

Sunning Piracy.

The Police Department anticipates a further expenditure of $1,000 on account of Secret Service work. A sum of $8,000 was provided in 1926 Estimates and a further sum of the same amount was asked for and recommended by the Finance Committee on July 22nd owing to expenditure being heavier than was anticipated due to exceptional circumstances.

Owing to expenses in connection with the *Sunning* piracy which it is anticipated will amount to $1,700 the sum of $1,000 is asked for further to supplement the vote.

arriving from America, and these will almost certainly include mails from England *vid* Siberia. Due on January 2nd is the *President Grant*; on the 3rd the *President Adams* is scheduled; and on the 6th the *President Cleveland*. All these liners will bring mails from U.S.A., Canada, Honolulu, etc.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

EVERYTHING FOR FESTIVE FARE.

TURKEYS TO TENDERLOINS.

PIGLINGS TO PIGEONS.

Come and have a look!

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

ALL CLEAR.

BOYCOTT OF STEAMBOAT COMPANY LIFTED.

GOOD CARGOES EXPECTED.

MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

As announced on Wednesday the pickets have been withdrawn from the Steamboat Company's wharf at Canton and passengers are allowed to travel without interference. The *Fatshan* did not bring a heavy cargo down yesterday and she is being laid up for a few days. The other boats of the Company, however, are expecting full passenger lists and it is said that good cargoes are offering.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Province of Kwangtung, for the 12 months ending September 30th, has spent some $61,285,000 on military affairs, or 80 per cent. of the $78,297,000 total receipts. The militarists in mercenary service in Kwangtung do not appear to be satisfied with the shares allotted them from the public income and have agitated for closer auditing of accounts by stationing attachés at all taxation offices. The latest reply of General Chiang Kai Shek is that, if the decision to appoint army pay inspectors to the fiscal offices has been arrived at after consultation with the party executive committee, he has nothing to say, but if it is only a desire on the part of the military officers to interfere with civil affairs, he suggests that such attachés be withdrawn.

It is hoped that beginning next year, financial burden imposed on Canton by the Kuomintang Revolutionary Army will be much reduced. Since the Kuomintang's last return to power in Canton, Kwangtung has been flooded with war bonds and treasury notes, and a greater part of the proceeds have gone for war purposes.

The Kuomintang Ministry of Finance in Canton is preparing to launch another $5,000,000 war bonds at Wuchang in Hupeh Province. It was reported that the Wuchang merchants would not support the issue and Mr. T. V. Soong, Kuomintang Minister of Finance now visiting Wuchang, was therefore to entertain leaders of Wuchang business community on December 22nd at dinner in order to explain fully the object for which the proceeds will be used.

Postal Delays.

Complaints have been made regarding delay in the postal service in Canton, it was stated the other day by an official connected with the administration that out of 494 sorters and postmen employed, some 80 to 90 obtained leave for one reason or another daily, some 20 to 30 saying that they had to attend to the business of their union. The postal employees, it appears, like other workers in Canton, are enjoying no little freedom.

A branch telegraph office is to be opened in Honam, the southern section of Canton City proper. At present there are four telegraph offices at Canton, one central, one at Namkwan, one at Taiping Maloo, and one at Shameen. These offices do a business of about $35,000 to $45,000 a month. November cash receipts were $43,950. Most of the business is done at the Shameen office, about $15,000 monthly. Canton is also served by a radio system, and Canton-Foochow connection by wireless has been established since the Kuomintang occupation of Fukien.

Replying to the call from the Kuomintang Workers' Delegate Conferene in Canton for assistance, the Kuomintang Executive Committee of Kiangsu and Chekiang has wired to the party authorities in the Southern Capital protesting against the recent arrest of members of the Conference and the supposed intention of Generals Li Tsai Hsin and Chien Ta Chun to close down the headquarters of the Conference. The Kiangsu and Chekiang comrades of the party have apparently been misinformed, as no attempt has yet been made to interfere with the Delegate Conference. The arrests referred to were made in connection with the comb-makers' union pickets who failed to observe the new Police and Military order forbidding the further detention by labour leaders of persons alleged to have violated union rules. The Military and Police authorities, however, have made it understood that any labour union trying again to take the law into its own hands will be severely dealt with.

The Young Women's Christian Association building at Lingfung Maloo, one of the few of its character in the whole of China, was fortunate enough to escape the fire which gutted a number of houses in the neighbourhood last Monday night. For a time the Y.W.C.A. compound appeared to be in danger.

Tai Sun Street, which very few foreign tourists miss when visiting Canton and which has been famous for years on account of its shops for ivory, kingfisher feathers, and other articles, will soon lose many of its characteristics. It is to be widen into a maloo or avenue where motor-cars instead of the sedan chairs will carry the globe-trotters around.

REVIEW.

"THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL."

We are told, in the first of the Editorial Notes in No. 2, Vol. 1, of this journal (which has just been published) that the first issue of the *Hong Kong University Law Journal* "was admittedly experimental," and that only an annual publication was contemplated. But the reception given to the *Journal* was of such a nature that those associated feel justified in issuing it quarterly. Judging by the quality and the variety of the contents we should state unhesitatingly that it should have a very good chance of long life and continued success, assuming of course that the contents are kept up to the present high standard. In the current number, which is the first of the quarterly publications, the contents are exceedingly interesting, varied and informative. The Editorial Notes, which, very properly, are given pride of precedence, occupy four pages, and refer most interestingly to several important topics. A long article follows on the complicated subject of what is embraced in that very long word "Extraterritoriality." It is from the pen of Professor T. Baty, D.C.L., LL.D., Associate of the Institute of International Law, and is very ably treated under four general headings and a conclusion. "Chinese Family and Property Law in Nederland-Indies" is the work of Dr. Godfried von Faber, translated by Dr. John Fenton. It is thoroughly Teutonic in its thoroughness and has every appearance of having been painstakingly and accurately written. An article of a lighter nature is that entitled "Seventeenth Century Jottings on the Law and Administration of China." This article, which is interestingly illustrated, is by Mr. A. L. Baron Hay, B.A., Lecturer in Geography in the University of Hong-Kong. In it we read that "Beggary of all sorts was strictly forbidden," which clearly points to the China of those far off days being very different from what it is to-day in that as no doubt in many other respects. Of the blind of the seventeenth century we read the sensible statement that those so unfortunately afflicted "were employed in pulling bellows at the forges, and at other things which do not require the help of sight." Also that "Maids that are blind are forced to a trade which may be as gainful, but not as honest as some others," to which is appended the following foot-note:—"Not only blind women, but also all the women folk of a disgraced official were sent to a public brothel for the offences of their husband or father." Doubtless this proved to be, as intended, admirably efficacious in the prevention of crime but the punishment seems to be much more unjust than anything that probably takes place in similar circumstances to-day in this chaotic country. "The Difficulty of Authenticated Translation of Chinese Laws in Hong Kong Courts. A Case in Point" is another highly readable article. It is from the pen of H. K. Woo, LL.B. (Lon.). We have next an article entitled "The Institution of Marriage in China"—(a Historical Survey). It seems to be a very thorough study of the subject—contributed by Lo Tung Fan—and from the frequency of the insertion of doubtlessly illuminating ideographs the article has almost the appearance of being bi-lingual. In the days of long ago in the fair land of China, a wife could be divorced for, among much more serious reasons, "Talkativeness," "Thievish Propensities," "Envious and Suspicious Temper," and for "Disregard of her Husband's Parents." There is also a similar article by G. W. Keeton, B.A., LL.B., on "Chinese Marriage Law in English Courts: A Recent Case." "The Significance of the Ching Dynasty in Chinese History" by M. A. Kahn, B.A., "An Outline of the Origin and Development of Japanese Law by" by S. Hachiuma. "Notes on Chinese Civil Law," by Charles Pingiu Wong. "The One-Man Company" by G. Van Bergen, A.I.S.A. (Lond.), Earl Macartney's Embassy to Peking (1792-1794) by Professor G. W. Keeton. The number concludes with several book reviews, admirably written, and, like the articles mentioned, well worth reading.

SMASHED UP THE HALL.

AMERICAN FINED FOR WILFUL DAMAGE.

Having used a poker with which he smashed a hall stand, mirror and two window panes at a house in Lyndhurst Terrace, early yesterday morning, Alfred Lewis Clark, a junior officer on the *President Jefferson*, found himself later in the day before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, charged with causing wilful damage.

Complainant, a Russian woman, said the damage amounted to $50.

Defendant admitted the charge but said he did not know how the complainant had arrived at the amount assessed. Defendant also alleged that he lost a ring and $20 and they would not let him out. He, therefore, lost his temper.

The Magistrate asked whether $50 did not seem excessive in regard to the damage. The Sergeant, who arrested defendant, replied that he would put it at $15. Complainant said that she had been told to assess the damage at $50.

Defendant was fined $10 and was also ordered to pay the damage. The money was paid.

SNATCHER SENTENCED.

KOWLOON LADY AS COMPLAINANT.

Before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with snatching a hand-bag from Mrs. Butler, of Glenthorne, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, in Des Vœux Road on Tuesday evening.

Complainant said that the bag contained $202. She chased the man, who was almost immediately caught by a Chinese.

Defendant was sent to prison for six months with hard labour, and ordered twelve strokes with the birch.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SHAUKIWAN MURDERER SENTENCED.

A PECULIAR DEFENCE.

A verdict of "Guilty" was returned at the Criminal Sessions yesterday against a Chinese from Shaukiwan, charged with the murder of a fellow employee.

Mr. Justice Wood passed sentence of death.

The jury were absent only a few minutes.

In the final address, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, for the Crown, said the men who lived with the prisoner had told a straightforward story, particularly so in the case of prisoner's brother. He had been in a painful position, and he could not have been actuated by any other motive than that of telling the truth. Prisoner, continued Counsel, was admittedly under the influence of drink that night, but that was not sufficient for the jury to acquit him.

Starting Suggestion.

Mr. T. Addis, for the defence, suggested that the murder was committed by some other person who put the deceased man into bed after death, and seized the opportunity of the prisoner arriving home drunk to foist the blame on him.

He suggested that the three men knew more about the death of Lai Wan than they were prepared to admit. They had something to conceal, he suggested.

The position of the wounds indicated that they could not have been caused whilst the deceased was lying in his bed, and Mr. Addis suggested that someone else killed him. When the prisoner arrived home drunk, the three men decided to drag him into it.

It was admitted that the prisoner was drunk, and if that was the case, Counsel said, he would submit that it would have been impossible for a drunken man to clamber over forms and boxes and deliver the deliberate blows which led to the death of Lai Wan.

Before passing sentence, his Lordship expressed agreement with the verdict.

HACKED WITH HATCHET.

SEPOY CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Sepoy Pola Ram, of the 5/2 Punjabis Regt., appeared before Mr. Justice Wood, charged with the attempted murder of Subadar La Khuram, of the same regiment.

He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, outlining the case for the Crown, said the wounded Subadar, who was still in hospital, was found in bed by his orderly suffering from severe head wounds, in the early morning of November 16th. A sepoy, named Ram Singh was arrested on suspicion, but later he was let free, and prisoner was arrested.

Mr. Whyte-Smith referred to a hockey match in which the Subadar refereed and accused was one of the players. The Subadar had occasion to "call up" prisoner several times during the match for irregular play. The Subadar further threatened to report him to the Havaldar.

Another incident between the Subadar and the accused was in regard to the question of caste. In the Indian regiments recruits had to sign an attestation paper and had to state to which caste they belonged. Prisoner had stated that he belonged to the Jat caste. When he was up for promotion, the Subadar questioned him as to whether it was his true caste, and, said that the other soldiers were saying that it was not. Counsel said he did not lay much stress on this incident. That and the hockey match incident might have rankled in accused's mind.

An Alleged Enemy.

In his statement to the Police Magistrate, accused denied having wounded the Subadar. He said that a sepoy named Ram Singh (the man who was first arrested and then released) was at enmity with him, and so much so that when accused was going to be promoted, he had said: "I will do all I can to stop your promotion." Accused had also stated that the Subadar had told him that he was unpopular amongst the other men, who wanted to stop his promotion. The Subadar had said that he was "a smart man," and eventually he was promoted. Ram Singh was first arrested in connection with the affair, and he must have sworn falsely against him out of enmity. Concluding his statement, prisoner agreed that he made a statement to the Police before he appeared before the Police Magistrate. He, however, alleged that "the police had threatened they would make him inhale the smoke of burnt chillies if he did not confess."

Brain Almost Pierced.

Major Lynch, R.A.M.C., in charge of the Kowloon Military Hospital, said that when he saw the Subadar, at 3.15 a.m., on November 16th, he was suffering from severe head wounds, but was conscious. One wound went through the skull into the brain and a small fragment of the skull—about one and a quarter inches—was completely detached. Another wound showed laceration of the membrane covering the brain. The brain was exposed, but it did not appear to be injured. There was also an incised wound on the left shoulder. The wounds must have been caused by a sharp, heavy instrument. Witness agreed that an axe which was produced, was a likely instrument. Major Lynch also deposed that the Subadar was still in hospital, and was not fit to attend Court.

An Indian who lived near accused's quarters spoke of seeing a man, wearing a *dopa* cap, passing his window early that morning. This cap was usually worn by men in accused's regiment.

Replying to a question from one of the jurymen, witness said that there was no regulation in regard to caste concerning the wearing of the cap.

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Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

THE CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

A MERRY YULETIDE PROMISED.

(Contributed).

A Merry Christmas, and Good Luck in the New Year to all Y.M.C.A. Members. How often one hears in Hong Kong, 'it is not like Christmas out here!' It is better, we think, than in England. There is the delightful climate at this time of the year, and then there is the 'Y.'

The Members have issued invitations to friends in the Services, and there will be a large gathering to the special midday Christmas dinner on Saturday, which will be followed by a soccer match against H.M.S. *Hawkins*, and a hockey match against H.M. Sub. *L.5*. These matches will start at 3.15, and we are grateful to the H.K. hockey club, and the Kowloon F.C. for lending the grounds.

Later on, after tea, there will be billiards and ping-pong tournaments, and supper will be served from 7.30-8.30.

Friends in the Army and Navy are asked to accept an open invitation to the concert starting at 8.30. Refreshments are provided.

On Sunday, the Secretary will speak at the Quiet Hour, in the Lounge at 9.15 p.m. on the subject of the Christmas message.

Boxing Day Tramp.

Boxing Day, Monday, December 27th: all members cannot go to Fanling, owing to various reasons, or even to the Kowloon Golf Club, so why not join in the proposed tramp up the Lion Rock? The scenery is gorgeous, and tiffin free on arrival! Member please note. Friends also invited.

There is always, as a last resort, the Library, replete with the Christmas numbers, that have arrived at the opportune moment.

Last Thursday the Y.M.C.A. met its Waterloo—when it found that it did not possess sufficient accommodation for the members of the Services who availed themselves of the invitation to the Social given in their honour. Nevertheless, the evening proved a huge success, thanks to the work of the Social Committee who had arranged a very good programme, which included items by some of the guests, and also a capital performance by H.M.S. *Hermes* band, which was deservedly encored.

The Flying "Y."

Sir Alan Cobham was out-flown when the 'Flying Y' took the initative last Saturday. There are more ways than by aeroplane of flying round Hong Kong, as the Y.M.C.A. knows. All that is needed is a motor-cycle, or even a Morgan might do. Also it is imperative to have enough to pay for your tea! On Wednesday evening the Y.M.C.A. Billiards team played the team from H.M.S. *Tamar*, at 8.30 p.m. These notes were written too early to give details of the match, but they will be published in due course.

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"A Good Soldier."

A statement taken from the Subadar in hospital was read. It was to the effect that about 3 a.m. on November 16th, while he was in bed, someone hit him with an axe on the head. He referred to the incidents regarding the hockey match and the caste question, which he had with the accused. He had always found accused to be a good and obedient soldier, and had no reason to think that it was he who had attacked him. The Subadar also stated that the accused was not on good terms with the other soldiers.

At this stage, the hearing was adjourned until to-day.

THE "SAIKUNG" PIRACY.

WITNESS CENSURED.

The *Saikung* piracy case was continued before the Chief Justice.

A Chinese elder of the Tan Wa Wan village gave evidence as to five men calling at his store and leaving three rifles. Witness was unable to identify any of the prisoner but stated that his eyesight was very bad, his eyes having been damaged by a dynamite blast some years ago.

As an example of his defective vision, witness said that he could not see counsel's table (in the Court) at all clearly.

Mr. H. S. Lo (counsel for the defence) said that witness, according to evidence given previously, appeared to have noticed what the five men in question were carrying all right even if he could not see their features.

His Lordship observed that in his own case he could see certain rifles clearly which were in the court as exhibits but he could not see the features of Mr. Gordon Leask (solicitor instructing counsel).

Thrown Overboard.

One of the Indian guards who was aboard the launch at the time of the attack gave evidence, stating that he was standing with his back to the stairs leading to the bridge when he was seized from behind and thrown overboard.

Asked whether he could identify any of the prisoners, witness said that he could not. Just before he was thrown overboard he caught a glimpse of five men with revolvers behind him. He could not recognise them.

Another Indian guard was called and gave contradictory statements of what had happened, stating that he had his rifle with him when attacked and that he held on to it until he was struck and rendered insensible. He dropped to the ground and jumped overboard when he saw the police-launch.

Witness was censured by his Lordship who told him to think before he spoke and not to speak before he thought. Witness must not use his imagination. He had already contradicted himself several times.

Half way through the examination of this witness, Mr. Dyer Ball said that he did not think it worth while to proceed any further with him.

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That the Articles of Association be altered as follows :—

(a) In Articles 47 and 82 the word "President" be deleted.

(b) In Articles 63, 73, 74 and 80 the word "CAPTAIN" shall be substituted for the word "President."

By Order,
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THE SALARIED MAN.

IN the *Spectator* there is a series of articles which deals with the problems of the middle class family and discusses the special burdens which have been placed upon it since the war. The matter is not without its importance to residents in Hong Kong who, having to contend with the falling dollar, and the general heavy increase in the cost of living both here and at home, find it extremely difficult to balance their domestic budget.

The man who marries has no conscious thought whatever of the welfare of the State when he sets up house and establishes a family. To plead, therefore, for special consideration as though he had this thought in mind when he accepted his additional responsibilities is only to invite ridicule. But it happens that the selfish interests of the middle class married man do coincide with the general interests of the State which naturally wants to maintain continuity and to recruit the next generation from the best quality in this one. Hence the attention devoted to the subject.

Assuming that there is something in heredity and that it is from the more or less successful members of this generation that the best of the next may be obtained, it is clearly in the interest of the State to ease the burden of the middle class married man and to encourage the production of as many healthy children as possible. With this end in view the State tries to combat the restriction of families by reductions from the Income Tax, but the concessions are quite inadequate to encourage an increase in numbers. In the Straits Settlements the Government recognises the disabilities of the married man by giving him a post-war bonus of forty per cent. of salary while to the bachelor it gives only twenty per cent. The local Government has recently granted a specially favourable rate of exchange to Civil Servants who have wife or children in England, and it has a housing scheme specially designed to benefit the married man in the Colony. The married man's children, if they are educated in England, must, as a general rule, be left in the most expensive type of school, namely the boarding preparatory school or the public school. Relatives, even if they exist, cannot be expected to treat these youngsters from abroad as their own children and to supervise their educational progress and general well-being supposing they were sent to the ordinary day schools. If the family were at Home advantage might even be taken of the State system of education, which is now very efficient, but this is impossible when the parents remain in Hong Kong. And yet it is safe to say that no person of average salary can afford to educate two or three children in England unless he has private means, supplements the family income by some form of extra work or induces his wife to become a wage earner.

It is all a question of population. England's birth-rate has declined from 35.5 per 1,000 for 1871-5 to 18.3 in 1925. It is contended by some that a country's level of culture is in inverse ratio to its birth-rate and that quality and quantity are not compatible as far as population is concerned. Those holding these views have undertaken a campaign to inform people generally how to control the number of births. One section of the community has blessed the enterprise while another section and the Roman Catholic Church have frowned upon it. MUSSOLINI, in his usual imperious way, has issued a decree denouncing the spread of this knowledge and forbidding Italians to restrict their families. If, therefore, the Roman Catholic Church has influence in this matter and MUSSOLINI'S decrees are regarded, whilst elsewhere the birth control campaign is successful, it would seem that Europe will, in time, become predominantly Roman Catholic with a preponderating number of Catholics.

Eastern races do not appear to be over anxious about maintaining the plane of living. In China it has reached as low a level as is compatible with existence and the problems of over-population and subsistence are left for disease, famine and economic forces to deal with. Japan increases at the rate of about 900,000 per annum. India, enjoying freedom from wars, famines and droughts likewise increases her numbers rapidly.

A stationary or declining population is usually considered a mark of decadence, demonstrating a fear to face the struggle of life, a desire for material comforts and a denial of responsibilities. In England, the middle class is badly organised and exercises little political influence. It is possible, therefore, that like the second class system on the railways it will be squeezed out of existence, by the upper millstone of taxation and the nether pressure of the cost of living.

On Tuesday 2 Chinese cases of diphtheria and 1 Chinese case of enteric fever were reported.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council is to be held at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

There will be an "open day" and sale of work at the Victoria British School to-day, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force takes place to-night at the City Hall, beginning at nine o'clock.

The French boxer, M. Andre Dupre left here yesterday by the *President Jefferson* for Manila, where he has three fights booked.

Mr. T. E. Simmang, a member of the American Bar at Tientsin, left here yesterday for Manila by the s.s. *President Jefferson*.

Engineer Lieut.-Comdr. S. O. Frew has been appointed to H.M.S. *Hawkins*, and Engineer Lieutenant C.M.S. Kingdom to H.M.S. *Wishart*.

Commd. Gunner (T) A. J. Ward has been appointed to H.M.S. *Carlisle* (November 26th) and W. E. Pitts, to H.M.S. *Repulse*, appointment to H.M.S. *Carlisle* cancelled (December 30th).

A large quantity of ship's fittings, stores, etc., will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at 2.15 p.m. to-day, at Nos. 18 and 19, Connaught Road Central, the premises of A-Kwai & Co. (in bankruptcy).

A small fire, caused by a short circuit of the electrical wires, broke out in a Chinese garage at Queen's Road Central yesterday evening at about seven o'clock. The fire was extinguished by the Fire Brigade without any difficulty and there was no damage done to property.

An application for the confiscation of four revolvers and 530 rounds of ammunition, was made by Sergeant Barnicle before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. The arms were found on board the s.s. *President Jefferson*. An order was made.

On Tuesday afternoon at Taipo Court, before Major C. Willson and Mr. Fisher, D.O.N., a Chinese was charged with being in possession of an automatic pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition, and also 1 revolver with 5 rounds of ammunition. Defendant was sentenced to 2 years' hard labour.

The 8th ordinary yearly meeting of the China Light and Power Co., (1918), Ltd., will be held this morning at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, at 11.30. The report of the General Managers and a statement of accounts will be submitted, and a Consulting Committee and Auditors elected.

The tenth ordinary general meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., was held at the head offices of the Company, York Building, yesterday afternoon. The reports of the Board and of the Auditors, the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account were passed, as being satisfactory, and directors and auditors were elected. The business of the meeting was conducted in Chinese.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. Schofield sitting as Coroner, with a jury held an enquiry into the death of Chan Ham, a Chinese who was sentenced to death in the November Criminal Sessions in connection with the Western Market stabbing affray. Deceased was hung at the Victoria Gaol yesterday morning at two minutes past five. The usual verdict was returned.

An exhibition of natural and cultured pearls is being held at Messrs. Komor and Komor's well-known premises during the next two weeks. The necklaces in the genuine pearl section show some very finely graded pearls, and the excellent matching has been carried out by the house of Kodaka & Co., Japan. There is also a wide range of attractive culture pearls, which appear to be the same as the genuine pearl except to the expert. Other attractive jewellery also forms part of this fascinating exhibition.

Miss Eileen Broadbury, the 15-year old daughter of Mr. Broadbury (known as Mr. Frank Haytor on the turf), of the staff of Messrs. Powell has joined that clever troupe the Globe Trotters and has taken part in some of the performances which they have been given locally. Miss Broadbury is already quite an experienced performer as she has travelled in India and the East with her mother and father as a trapeze and bareback rider. She is proceeding with the Company later to England, *viâ* India, where the show will be brought up to date before returning to the East next Year.

In the list of arrangements made in connection with the visit to the Colony of the Lord Bishop of London, it was omitted that his Lordship will also preach at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening, and on H.M.S. *Hawkins* at 9.30 a.m., in addition to preaching at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon at 11 a.m. The Bishop of London is, as stated yesterday, disembarking from the s.s. *President Lincoln* this morning, and will later be entertained to tiffin by members of the Hong Kong Club. His Lordship is accompanied on his tour by his Chaplain, the Rev. H. C. Thomas, Mr. A. O. Blyth who is a personal friend, and a valet. During the nine days the Bishop will spend here before leaving on Saturday, January 1st, for Singapore, he will have a very strenuous and busy time as will be judged from the list of his most important engagements in the Colony published yesterday. Despite the fact that he is 68 years of age, the Bishop of London does not look it. He still plays a fine game of tennis, and won second prize in a ship's tournament on the way to Japan. He also plays golf, and is visiting Fanling next Wednesday.

PROPERTY SALE.

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SHANGHAI, December 22nd.

The Naval Court Inquiry into the loss of the *Lienshing* suspended for twelve months the First Officer's certificate of Second Officer McCabe, who was in charge at the time of the disaster, meanwhile granting him a Second Officer's certificate.

Captain Simpson was exonerated from all blame.

The Court held that the Second Officer was guilty of negligence in taking the wrong bearings and in not reporting to the master the alteration of the course.

The Court noted that the Amherst Rock was a very distinct danger to navigation, and suggested that further recommendations should be made to the Maritime Customs with a view to having it lighted.

The Court paid a tribute to the seamanlike conduct of the master, officers and Chinese crew after the ship had struck.

FRENCH LOAN FOR HOLLAND.

TO BE USED FOR STATE RAILWAYS.

PARIS, December 22nd.

The *Journal Officiel* has published a decree, authorising the Minister of Finance to issue to Holland a loan of 27,000,000 Dutch florins in bonds of 1,000 florins at 7 per cent. redeemable between September 1st, 1927, and March 1st, 1962, for requirements of State Railways and in accordance with a contract concluded with a group of Dutch banks on December 17th.

NICARAGUA'S CIVIL STRIFE.

A SEVEN-HOUR BATTLE STILL IN PROGRESS.

MANAGUA, December 22nd.

A seven-hour unfinished battle is proceeding at Las Perlas between the Conservative and Liberal troops. The latter attacked, supported by artillery and machine guns, but the Conservatives claim to have driven them off with heavy machine gun fire.

DISTINGUISHED TRAVELLERS.

PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA AND PRINCE CHICHIBU.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, on leaving for home, was seen off at Waterloo Station by a crowd of officials and friends, including Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Prince Chichibu, the Emperor of Japan's second son, who is travelling to Japan on account of the Emperor's illness, travelled on the same train. Both will be passengers on the *Majestic* to New York *en route*, respectively, to Australia and Japan.

TACNA-ARICA DISPUTE.

PERU'S REPLY TO U.S. STATE SECRETARY.

LAPAZE, Bolivia, December 22nd.

In a statement published in the Press purporting to be Peru's reply to Mr. Kellogg's suggestions regarding the Tacna Arica dispute, the Peruvian Government proposes that Peru retain Tacna Arica, while Peru and Chile, acting in agreement cede to Bolivia, without pecuniary or territorial compensation, all the territory south of Tacna Arica as far as the River Camarones. Chile is to retain the Childaya nitrate field and Bolivia Port Victor.

PENNSYLVANIA 'VARSITY RELAY RACES.

CAMBRIDGE TO BE REPRESENTED.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22nd.

It is announced that Cambridge will be represented at the Pennsylvania University relay races, being held on April 4th, 1927. The Cambridge team will be captained by the hurdler, Lord Burghley.

THE "REVOLT" IN PORTUGAL.

UNIMPORTANT AFFAIR.

LONDON, December 21st.

Nothing further is known in Lisbon of the revolutionary strike on the Sulesueste Railway, in the south of Portugal. The movement was started by employees of advanced views who tried to carry the whole staff with them.

The movement is stated to have been suppressed owing to Government measures. The papers are censored.

DAMAGED CARGO.

A SHIP'S DEFECTIVE DRAIN PIPE.

PORT SAID, December 21st.

There is possible damage to cargo in the No. 3 hold of the s.s. *Koninginder Nederlander*, from Batavia to Amsterdam owing to a defective drainpipe below the waterline. The damage has been temporarily repaired, and the steamer is proceeding.

HUMOUR OF AMERICAN PROHIBITION LAW.

PROSPECTS CLOUDED OF A "WET" CHRISTMAS AND A "WETTER" NEW YEAR.

PROHIBITION FORCES ACTIVE IN BROADWAY.

AGENTS' AMUSING POSING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 22nd.

The prospects of a "Wet" Christmas and "Wetter" New Year were clouded yesterday night when Federal Prohibition Forces swooped into Broadway and summoned proprietors of 58 of the best known restaurants and night clubs to show cause why their establishments should not be padlocked for violating the Volstead Act.

The proprietors, meanwhile, have been served with personal injunctions, the contravention of which will mean a sentence of imprisonment.

The evidence in connection with these activities was gathered during three months' investigations by Prohibition Agents posing as "idle sons of wealthy London widows, Exiled Russian Noblemen, Florida Real Estate Promoters" all bent on keeping late hours.

£20,000 WORTH OF ALCOHOL CONFISCATED.

UTICA, N.Y. State, December 22nd,

The largest raid ever carried out in New York State, made by prohibition agents from Washington on an alcohol distilling plant, three miles to the East of Rome, has just taken place.

£20,000 worth of alcohol was confiscated. There were no arrests.

TROUBLE IN HONDURAS.

AMERICAN WARSHIP ORDERED TO GO TO LA CEIBA.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.

The Secretary of the Navy has ordered a warship to go to La Ceiba, Honduras, in consequence of the American Consul's report of disorders, which are likely to endanger the life and property of foreigners.

WAR DEBTS.

U.S. "A CONSIDERATE CREDITOR."

UNIVERSITY'S PROPOSALS UNPOPULAR.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.

A decidedly unfavourable undertone of opinion is expessed in political circles towards the Columbia University's war debts' proposals. Both Republicans and Democrats join in protesting that the United States is a considerate creditor and that the statement is inopportune, particularly in view of M. Poincare's difficulty in getting the war debt settlement ratified.

The *New York World* considers that the Allies might be more lenient to Germany before contemplating a further revision of their obligations to America.

AMERICA'S FLEET.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET IN FAVOUR OF NEW CRUISERS.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.

Coincidently with the move of Congress to give immediate consideration to Mr. Butler's Naval Bill President Coolidge has emphasised that it is not necessary to begin forthwith with the construction of the cruisers but that the decision to include them in the building programme followed a conference between President Coolidge, and Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, and the Cabinet, which was persuaded that the construction of the cruisers would render the fleet an efficient fighting unit.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Butler's Bill merely outlines the naval construction programme and does not appropriate the requisite funds.

U.S. AND PANAMA.

TEXT OF THE TREATY PUBLISHED.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.

The text of the Treaty pending between Panama and the United States is published. If it is ratified, Panama is bound to co-operate to the utmost to protest and defend the canal and, if a conflict breaks out, to consider herself a joint enemy with the United States.

AUSTRALIAN SUGAR CROP.

BRISBANE, December 21st.

The Australian sugar crop is expected to be 420,000 tons.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COMMERCIAL AVIATION.

A FLIGHT AROUND SOUTH AMERICA.

LONDON, December 21st.

A message from San Antonio, says that with the two-fold object of demonstrating the friendship between North, South and Central America and awakening interest in commercial aviation, five army aeroplanes, under the command of Major Dargue has left on a 20,000 mile flight around South America.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO.

TOKYO, December 21st.

An official announcement that M. Kopp, the Soviet Ambassador, is not returning to Tokyo has been received, but the Soviet has not yet intimated who his successor will be.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN PERU'S CAPITAL.

VAIN VIGIL OF WOULD-BE ASSASSINATOR OF THE PRESIDENT.

HIS HEADLESS BODY FOUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S SERVICE.]

LIMA, December 22nd.

What the police surmise was intended to be an attempt on President Leguia's life had a ghastly conclusion.

Investigations into a great explosion early this morning in the main square led to the discovery of the headless body of a man near a palm tree, the head itself being blown on to the cathedral steps.

Leguia usually returns to the palace about midnight, but had not left his residence that night.

It appears the dead man carried a bomb and, realising his vigil was in vain, decided to bury it but, while doing so, the bomb exploded.

THE BRITISH MINISTER.

VISITS CHANG TSO LIN IN TIENTSIN.

NOW IN PEKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 22nd.

A telegram from Tientsin states that Mr. Miles Lampson arrived from Pukow this morning and visited Marshal Chang Tso Lin this afternoon, after which he proceeded to Peking.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

A DECREASE OF 95,000 IN ONE WEEK.

RUGBY, December 22nd.

A decrease of over 95,000 in the number of persons registered as unemployed is disclosed in this week's Labour Ministry return. During the mining stoppage the miners were excluded from unemployment benefits, which are not extended to those out of work owing to trade dispute. This disqualification no longer applies to a considerable number of miners, who have not yet resumed work, but in certain cases trade dispute disqualifications still excludes from the registration of miners who are out of work.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

WHOLESOME EFFECT OF GOOD NEWS.

TOKYO, December 21st.

Although an improvement is reported in the condition of the Emperor, all Court functions and New Year celebrations have been definitely cancelled.

A message from Osaka states that the goods news regarding the condition of the Emperor is reviving normal activities. The theatres have been open since last night, the streets present a more lively aspect, whilst Christmas sales have been resumed and the newspapers find space for Chinese news.

A Relapse.

TOKYO, December 22nd.

The Emperor's temperature rose during the night. His Majesty has been somewhat delirious and sleepless, and has also had fits of occasional coughing.

FRANCO-GERMAN AFFRAY.

ECHO OF A REGRETTABLE OCCURRENCE.

INDIGNATION THROUGHOUT GERMANY.

PARIS, December 21st.

The court martial into the Franco-German affray at Germersheim on September 27th, when two French soldiers collided with several Germans, one of whom named Mueller was killed and another named Mathes was wounded by shots from the French has resulted in the French Lieutenant Rouzier being acquitted, and the German soldier Mathes, being sentenced to two years' default. Minor sentences have been passed on five other Germans.

In Berlin the news of the verdict of the Germersheim affair has been received with great indigation in official quarters, and is described as a travesty of Justice.

It is asserted that all the weight of the evidence was against the plea that Rouzier was provoked, and the death of the German, Mueller, is described as cold-blooded murder. The verdict is certain to arouse considerable feeling in Germany, and responsible quarters fear it will undo a great deal of the good work started at Locarno for the improvement of Franco-German relations.

UNABATED INDIGNATION THROUGHOUT GERMANY.

LATER.

Unabated indignation of the Landau judgment is voiced in the morning papers, which unanimously declare that while German territory is occupied, and such acts are committed with impunity a real Franco-German conciliation is impossible.

The *Lokal Anzeiger* says the verdict will unite all hearts in Germany.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* says that thus does Locarno look in reality.

The *Tages Zeitung* says the decision will not be forgotten when France again tries to mislead Germany with promises.

The *Allegemeine Zeitung* says the verdict, which acquits a murderer and sentences his victims is "bloody" and a "mockery of justice."

THE BRITISH EMPIRE AIR LINERS.

SPLENDID PROGRESS BEING MADE.

HIGH WINDS ENCOUNTERED ON ITALIAN COAST.

CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD AT DELHI.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

Owing to telegraphic delay, news of the progress of the Empire air liner for the Cairo-Karachi service, on which Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker is travelling was not received after the machine left Naples yesterday. It is now learned that the aeroplane, after leaving Naples, encountered strong headwinds down the Italian coast and over Sicily and the pilot decided to refuel at the well-known aerodrome at Catalia before completing the four hundred miles flight to Malta. Delay in securing supplies of aviation spirit necessitated a sojourn at Catalia until to-day. The machine reached Malta at ten o'clock this morning.

During the Air Minister's flight to India, on the third of the air liners for the Empire route, inspections will be made of the various squadrons of the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, and important consultations on developments will be held when Delhi is reached. When the tour is completed the Air Minister will have personally inspected practically all the Oversea Units of the Air Force.

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA.

BRITISH HOLIDAY RESORTS DOING WELL.

RUGBY, December 21st.

A feature of this Christmas, according to reports from British railway companies, is the great increase of bookings to seaside resorts. The practice of spending the winter festival at the seaside has been developing rapidly during the past eight or ten years.

Airways to the Continent are also experiencing what are described as phenomenal bookings. Services both to Paris and Germany are being augmented as far as is possible and the whole fleet of air liners will be brought into use.

It has become quite the fashion to send Christmas gifts to friends on the Continent "Per airways" and for the past two or three days demand for freight has been heavy.

NO RETURN TO GOLD CURRENCY.

INTERESTING ROYAL MINT REPORT.

RUGBY, December 21st.

The annual report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint shows that during the year 1925 3,500,000 sovereigns were struck. It is made clear, however, that they were not for internal use. Our gold reserves, says the Comptroller, although sufficient to justify the return to the gold standard, are not enough to make the substitution of gold for notes in circulation possible. Nor is he aware that, apart from sentiment, any very serious desire has been evinced for such a change. He points out, also, that the State has already borne a charge of £1,000,000 for wear and tear of old gold coinage since it undertook the duty of replacement as its recognised policy.

THE BULGARIAN LOAN.

UNDER LEAGUE OF NATIONS SPONSORSHIP.

RUGBY, December 21st.

Offer is being made to-day in London of the British portion of the Bulgarian 7 per cent. settlement loan which is issued under the aegis of the League of Nations. The total amount of the loan in the form of sterling bonds is £2,400,000 of which portion £1,750,000 is issued at 92 per cent. £650,000 is reserved for issue in Holland, Italy and Switzerland. In addition bonds for $4,500,000 are being offered in the United States. One of the conditions laid down by the League of Nations in authorising the loan was that the National Bank of Bulgaria should be radically reorganised and the law effecting this comes into force on January 1st.

RUGBY, December 22nd.

The subscription list for the issue of £1,750,000 of 7% by the Kingdom of Bulgaria, was closed this morning.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH BYE-ELECTION.

A SEAT FOR MR. OSWALD MOSLEY.

LONDON, December 21st.

The bye-election at Smethwick, due to the resignation of Mr. J. E. Davison (Labour) resulted as follows:—

Mr. Oswald Mosley (Lab.)	16,077
Mr. Marshall Pyke (Con.)	9,495
Mr. Edwin Bayliss (Lib)	2,600

At the last General Election, the figures were:—Mr. J. E. Davison (Labour), 14,491; Mr. J. M. Pike (Conservative), 13,238.

The new member is the eldest son of Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., and was educated at Winchester and Sandhurst. He served in the War, and was formerly in the 16th Lancers. He married Lady Cynthia Curzon, daughter of the late Marquis Curzon. Represented Harrow Division, 1918-1924. He joined the Labour Party in 1924. His wife has also identified herself with that party.

At the last election he unsuccessfully contested the Ladywood Division of Birmingham, losing narrowly to the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain (Conservative).

GENERAL HERTZOG'S SPEECHES.

STILL EXCITING KEEN INTEREST.

INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS POSSIBLE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

The effect of the speeches made by General Hertzog, the South African Premier, since his arrival in South African newspapers discuss the possibility of internal political developments and a new party alinement, particularly in view of General Hertzog's generous acknowledgment at Pretoria of the work of the late General Botha and General Smith.

Australia's Prime Minister on South Africa.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Speaking in London, at his farewell function, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. S. M. Bruce, who is leaving for Australia to-day, referred to the reception accorded to General Hertzog, in South Africa.

After remarking that the Imperial horizon had been cleared of clouds as the result of the conference, Mr. Bruce expressed the opinion that while General Hertzog had left his Dominion with the minds of the people divided and with no certainty as to the future there was now in South Africa a removal of all those doubts and a profound spirit of satisfaction and the will to co-operation and unity, which had never previously existed. If the conference had accomplished nothing else, that in itself was a great achievement.

A BRIBERY CHARGE.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST INDIAN WARDER.

INTERPRETATION OF HIS ENGLISH.

Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, when instituting criminal proceedings against an Indian Warder at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, said that offences of such a nature, as that which he was alleging against the defendant, would lead to a serious laxity in prison discipline, and the departmental powers conferred on him were not sufficient to deal with a case of this nature.

The defendant was charged with giving five envelopes to a prisoner employed in the printing workshop to have an address printed thereon, and later, when the fact was about to be reported, to have offered Warder Collins $5 as a bribe.

Mr. McCallum, who defended, in commenting on the wording of the section material to the case, argued that the defendant's act, although contrary to disciplinary rules, could not have benefited the convict, and therefore did not come within the spirit of the section.

When the offence was reported, the defendant very properly came forward with a full admission, said Mr. McCallum, and a further point worthy of consideration was that the address on the envelopes was that of an Indian friend in America.

When asked by Mr. Franks as to the "consideration" that would accrue to him from the fulfilment of his order, defendant said that he naturally expected his order would be unhesitatingly obeyed.

His Worship adjourned his decision on this charge for fuller consideration of the point raised by Mr. McCallum.

As regards the charge of bribery, evidence was taken from Warder Collins, who said that he was on duty in the jail printing shop when he saw a Chinese prisoner handling some envelopes. He got hold of this prisoner, whereupon the defendant approached him and asked him not to report the matter. Defendant said to witness: "If you report me, I shall get fined $5. More better you take it."

Mr. McCallum: Does it not strike you that your interpretation of his English is your English? According to you, he speaks English as well as you. You don't vary even the grammar.—Nevertheless that is what he said.

Witness, in answer to further questions, agreed that defendant spoke English as well as the average Indian warder.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Franks said that the defendant held the "1st English" certificate.

Assistant Chief Warder W. J. Robertson, pressed by Mr. McCallum for his views, stated that "fairly good English" was spoken by defendant. Later he said that he did not say it was as perfect as that revealed by the words quoted by Warder Collins.

Defendant giving evidence stated that what he actually said to Warder Collins was this:—"Give me these, please. Superintendent fine me five, six dollars." He denied, in cross-examination by Mr. Franks, that he was hinting at a bribe in making mention of money.

His Worship said he could not convict on the charge of bribery, on the evidence, although there possibly was a desire to offer money.

After Mr. Franks had argued that the convict would not have taken on himself the risk of printing the envelopes had he not got *quid pro quo*, Mr. Lindsell remanded the defendant until Friday to consider the point of "benefit" which had been raised.

London, December 21st.—A message from Funchal, says that the earthquake has not affected Madeira.—*Reuter.*

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

SERIOUS NEWS FROM CHENGTU.

MILITARY EXTORTION IN SZECHUAN'S CAPITAL.

CAUSES SUSPENSION OF ALL FOREIGN BUSINESS THERE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 22nd.

A telegram from Hankow, dated the 21st instant, states that several firms with branches at Chengteh (Szechuan) have received telegrams this morning stating that all foreign business there has been suspended owing to a military tax of Tls. 30,000 having been demanded.

REGRETTABLE INCIDENT AT HANKOW.

MOB INCITES SOLDIERS.

SHANGHAI, December 22nd.

A Hankow message of yesterday's date states that an unpleasant incident was narrowly averted at 10.30 a.m., when 300 Chinese soldiers tried to march through the Concession, along the bund. They were stopped at the British Consulate barrier by Marines, when a large mob of coolies urged the soldiers to force their way through.

Marine Corporal Attacked.

A corporal of the Marines, who was patrolling outside the barrier, was attacked by four soldiers and fell back to the barricade, which the Marines then lined, and, as the Chinese soldiers loaded their rifles, they loaded machine guns, at which the soldiers dispersed. The mob remained, jeering at the marines.

It is understood that the local Chinese authorities have tendered apologies to the British Consul.

Ichang Looted.

A wireless message from Ichang, states that soldiers have completely looted the city, but that foreign property has not yet been touched.

FURTHER DETAILS OF NEW BRITISH POLICY.

LONDON, December 21st.

The *Manchester Guardian* declares that the Memorandum handed by the British *Charge d'Affaires* to representatives of the Powers in Peking proposes that the surtaxes promised to China under the Washington Treaties of 1922 should immediately by made operative throughout China, and the failure of the Customs Conference last year should be written off the diplomatic balance-sheet.

The granting of additional Customs revenue is urged as a matter of commonsense in view of the fact that the Cantonese authorities have already installed a second line of Customs to collect precisely the difference between the old taxes and the new taxes promised at Washington.

The Treaties.

The Memorandum also urges that the Treaties generally should be revised so as to make them less unilateral and therefore less objectionable to Chinese feeling.

It also advocates the immediate revision of extra-territorial and judicial arrangements, declaring that the failure of the recent Commission on extra-territoriality should be regarded as something irrelevant to the present position and that the failure was due to the impossibility of then obtaining representative Chinese views, but conditions have now changed owing to the ascendency of the Kuomintang. It is proposed that the Powers should recognise the improvement in the Chinese judicial system.

In short, the British proposals are that the diplomacy of the Powers in China should be brought up to date, as has been the case elsewhere in Asia and the Middle East since the Great War.

Official Reticence.

Reticence is observed in authoritative circles in London was regards the Memorandum transmitted by the British *Charge d'Affaires* in Peking to his diplomatic colleagues, but it is pointed out that the benevolent attitude of Great Britain to the aspirations of the Chinese people for a revision of the present Treaty situation has become obscured owing to the absence of a Central Government in China, which was a necessary condition for carrying out the programme laid down at Washington.

China's National Sentiment.

Therefore, in the spirit of the Washington Agreement, Great Britain has now submitted to the other Powers suggestions as regards the attitude which should be adopted on the question of the surtaxes and extra-territoriality. It is declared that Great Britain has no wish to intervene in the civil war raging in China, or to favour any party, but the Powers are now confronted with the growth of national sentiment in China, which necessitates the most careful review of the situation.

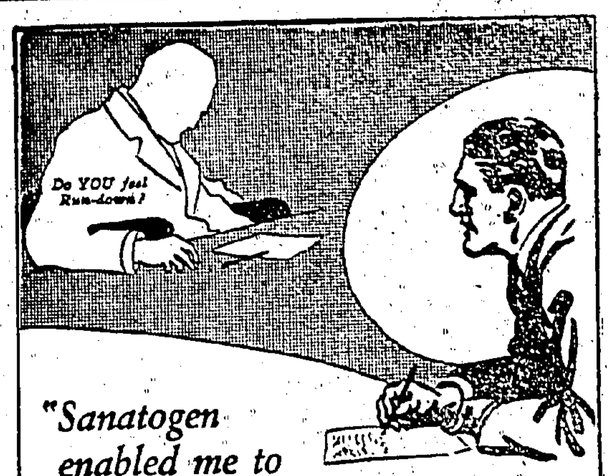
It is not believed that the Memorandum deals with the question of recognition, but primarily with the so-called Washington surtaxes, which, in the view of the British Government, should be granted as soon as possible for the benefit of the provinces in which they are actually collected.

JAPAN'S "WAIT AND SEE" POLICY.

OSAKA, December 21st.

The *Mainichi*, in an editorial comment on the question of recognition of the Canton Government, favours a policy of "Wait and See."

Business interests here are watching the developments.



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RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Fanling Hunt.

On Xmas morning the meet will be at Souza's Bungalow at 10 o'clock.

There will not be a hunt on Sunday but on Monday the paper chase kindly arranged by Mrs. R. J. Paterson will take place and it is hoped that there will be a good turn out for this event.

Those requiring tiffin at the Hunters Arms during the holidays should notify Mr. G. Maas at once (Tel. Central 1044).

The officers of the Borderers have joined the hunt *en bloc* and this should make for a "brighter country life." The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Comyn, is a keen huntsman in addition to his other sporting activities.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY.

NAVY WIN AGAINST CLUB IN SIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

Playing in their second match against the Hong Kong Hockey Club in the Sim Shied competition on the United Services Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon, the Navy won by two goals to *nil*.

There was no score at half time, and this shows the high standard of the play on both sides. The Club team played exceptionally well, and put up a strong defence before they eventually had to strike their colours.

Fleet and Ling scored for the Navy after the interval.

The position in the competition now is that the Navy lead with five points. They have now beaten the Army once, the Club once and drawn with the Club. The Army come second with two points, having beaten the Navy once. The Club have one point for their draw of last week. Next week and the following week, the Club have to play against the Army, and these will prove the deciding matches. The Navy appear to be in a very sound position for winning the shield. To win the trophy, the army have to beat the Club twice, and they would then obtain a lead of one point over the Navy. To equalise with the Navy they must beat the Club once and draw once. This would necessitate a play off between them and the Navy. If the Army win one game and lose one the Navy will win the trophy, with the Army second with four points and the Club third with three points. If the Club succeed in beating the Army on each of the two occasions they will meet, then they will be on an equal footing with the Navy and will have to play a deciding game.

FOOTBALL.

THE SUNDAY "HERALD" CUP.

The following have been chosen to represent Scotland in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition on Boxing Day, Monday, 27th instant, Kick-off on the H.K.F.C. ground at 3.45 p.m.

Rodger (Club); McBride (Club) and Gerrard (Club); MacKelvie (Kowloon) Stewart (Club) and Farlow (Titania); Alexander (Club), Duncan (Kowloon), Orr (Kowloon), McClinchy (K.O.S.B.'s) and Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.'s).

Reserves:—Oram (Police), McGill (K.O.S.B.'s), Gardiner (K.O.S.B.'s) and D. J. Pudvis (Club). Linesman Mr. H. M. McTavish.

Colours blue with the emblem in white.

The following will represent England: Avery (*Tamar*); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Hudson (Police), Simms (Kowloon) and Watson (Club); Taylor (Club), Pulford (R.A.), Linaker (Club), Howard (Club) and Hayes (Kowloon).

Reserves: Brittain (Police).

Play in white with the emblem in white on a blue ground.

All selected, including Reserves, are requested to be at the Club pavilion not later than 3.30 p.m.

Interport Practice Game.

Nineteen players only lined up for the practice game on the Club ground yesterday afternoon, ten in colours and nine in whites. Linaker and Ip Kau for the Whites, and Campbell for the Colours came on while the game was in progress. Orr, Ward and Cornwall scored for the Colours and Linaker (3), Ip Kau and Howard (penalty) scored for the Whites.

LEAGUE TABLES: TO DATE 22-12-26.

Division I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Club de Rec...	9	7	0	2	27	11	16
H.K. Club	8	5	2	1	12	8	11
K.O.S.B.'s	10	5	4	1	15	12	11
R.A.	9	5	3	1	16	14	11
China Athletic	10	3	2	5	16	19	11
Kowloon	10	4	4	2	19	12	10
Tamar	9	1	5	3	13	19	5
Police	8	1	5	2	6	17	4
South China...	9	1	7	1	5	17	3

Division II. "A."

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.'s Reserves	9	8	0	1	40	10	17
China Ath. "A"	10	6	3	1	26	18	13
St. Joseph's...	10	5	4	1	25	13	11
Recreio Res...	10	4	3	3	23	17	11
Kowloon Res..	8	4	2	2	16	9	10
R.A. Reserves	8	5	3	0	15	10	10
H.K.F.C. Res.	10	4	4	2	14	22	10
University	6	3	3	0	10	13	6
South China Reserves	9	1	8	0	6	30	2
China Ath. "B"	10	0	10	0	6	39	0

Division II. "B."

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Moslem Club..	10	9	1	0	23	5	18
St. Joseph's Reserves	10	8	0	2	38	12	18
China Ath. "A"	11	6	2	3	15	12	15
Boy Scouts ...	10	4	5	1	17	24	9
H.K. & S. Bank	11	4	6	1	13	25	9
China Ath. "B"	11	3	8	0	15	19	6
South China...	9	2	7	0	14	25	4
Kowloon "B".	10	1	8	1	11	29	3

GOLF NEWS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES.

The foremost event of the year in the life of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is now over. Last Sunday the final of the Club Championship was decided. Contrary to the usual run of things on such occasions some exceedingly fine golf was witnessed by those present while the match was played. A better or more interesting final has not been see in the competition in recent years, and I. W. Shewan, as already reported, succeeded in winning against T. D. E. Pendered by 2 up and 1 to play.

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The match itself has already been described, but the high standard of the play deserves a reference. Championship matches are rarely productive of the best golf, but Shewan was in his best form, and obtained an excellent victory. He was generally expected to win, but his opponent undoubtedly played a very fine game, especially in the afternoon. Pendered was eight down on one occasion, but his recovery was astonishingly good. Shewan had a lead of 4 holes at the end of the morning round, and was 8 up at the 25th hole. Pendered from here played brilliantly and at the 32nd hole Shewan was dormie 4.

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At the time Pendered was eight down there were only eleven to go, but not at all disheartened, Pendered played a determined game, and in so doing provided a thrilling finale to the match. He did the last nine holes in 35, four strokes under bogey. While congratulating Shewan on winning the Champion ship, it must be said that Pendered was unfortunate in eventually being beaten by a stymie. Pendered lost the championship on the greens in the morning round, where it was story of missed putts.

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Both players took 155 strokes for the 17 holes. In the morning round Shewan was out with 37 and home with 41, and Pendered with 39 and 43. In the afternoon Shewan went out in 40 and home in 37, and Pendered in 42 and 37.

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After the tiffin interval on Sunday, Mr. Edgar Davidson, the new Captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, played himself in. It was a long drive, slightly sliced, off the first tee, and a scramble for the ball by the caddies took place. The successful caddie received a dollar.

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The qualifying round in the Junior Championship will be played on January 9th at Fanling. Players participating have no need to enter their names for this competition, but simply take out cards for the qualifying stage.

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The Captain's Cup for January will be played from the 6th to the 10th. This is all the information at present definitely available with regard to the fixtures for 1927, but the next fixture card will be in the hands of members in a few days. It is now being printed.

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Mr. N. L. Smith, the former President of the Club has become a member of the Committee now that the office of president has been abolished and the Captain takes the joint post. Another member elected to the Committee at the recent annual meeting is Mr. Greenhill, who has recently returned from leave. He is one of the oldest of committee members, and prior to his leave had served for many years on the committee.

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With regard to the proposed interport golf match at Manila there is very little news available. Manila, it will be recalled sent an invitation for Hong Kong to send a team down there, but it now seems very improbable that a team will go, although the invitation was provisionally accepted. Members were invited to state whether they would be able to go at the time suggested, and so far the response has been poor.

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The programmes for Fanling for the Christmas and New Year are as under: From December 24th to December 27th, there is a bogey pool competition for members and subscribers on the Old Course. Entrance is $1 and unlimited entries will be allowed. Ten per cent. is to the Club, sixty per cent. to winner, and 30 per cent. to second. From December 25th to December 27th there is a mixed bogey round on the New Course (3/8 combined handicap). Entrance fee will be the same as above, and entries will again be unlimited. There are no restrictions as to whether a lady or gentleman drives at odd or even tees. A prize will be given to the winning lady if there are ten entries, or more, and a prize to the winning gentleman if entries are 20, or more. On December 28th there will be a special medal round for members only on the Old Course. Entrance will be $1. There can only be one entry from each player, and there will be a prize to the winner. This competition can be played on same round as the one already mentioned above.

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In the New Year from January 1st to January 3rd, there will be a similar competition on the Old Course. Also from the 1st to 3rd there will be a medal round competition on the Old Course for members and subscribers. Unlimited entries will be accepted at $1 and the percentage to Club and winner, etc., will be the same as in the first competition. From the 1st to 3rd there is also a mixed medal competition on the New Course (1/2 of combined handicaps), with unlimited entries at $1 per pair.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.50 p.m. states:—

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SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the *President Jefferson* in his report to the Harbour Office mentioned the death of one Asiatic steerage passenger from Pulmonary tuberculosis.

Two derilict junks were sighted by the s.s. *Tjikini*, which arrived here yesterday from Batavia and Amoy. The positions were given as 22-43½ N. and 116-10.20.

The total number of deck passengers entered into Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1906, of which, 1296 were carried by the s.s. *Van Cloon* from Amoy and Swatow.

The s.s. *Fatshan* arriving from Canton yesterday afternoon, went alongside the Wing Lok Street wharf instead of her usual berth at the British-Canton Steamers' Wharf. The steamer will be suspended from the Canton run until further notice.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Angers*, on December 22nd:—For Hong Kong:—Mrs. H. Ribeiro and three children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Costa Carvalho, Mr. A. Raposa, Mr. M. Gonzalez, Mr. Bader, Mr. J. T. Pirie, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirley, Miss R. F. da Cruz, Mr. G. W. Drolette, Mr. and Mrs. Santria and three children, Mr. M. Antoine, Mr. J. D. Windsor, Mr. L. A. Ribeiro, Mr. White, Mr. Luis del Castille. Miss C. de Ugarte. Among passengers passing through on their way to Shanghai: Mrs. Molines, Mrs. Gamming, Mrs. Leonnoff, Mr. and Mrs. Berube, Mr. and Mrs. de Courelle, Mr. Broc, Mr. P. Meyrieux, Mr. Simmonet, Mr. Rogues, Mr. and Mrs. Guilici, Mr. Rocen, Miss Verdier, Mr. and Mrs. Limoges, Mr. A. Arflot, Mrs. Marie, Rev. P. Anders Faugeras, Miss Rinatyoland, Rev. P. Ulysse Ho, Mr. E. Lanner, Mr. A. L. Euglander, Mr. Lepicard, Mr. Laure, Mrs. Warpechovskst, Mrs. Metzger, Mr. Brunett, Mr. D. Spatharis, Mr. and Mrs. Lambalot, Mr. R. Shaw, Mr. Cleirec.

Per s.s. *Tango Maru*, from Yokohama and ports, on December 22nd:—Mr. Alfred Victor Lyon, Miss A. Carpis, Mr. C. E. Kcomt, Miss C. Carpis, Mrs. M. Carpis, Mr. R. M. Paton, Mr. Fernando Quirogh, Mr. J. Diaz, Mr. Luis Yong, Mr. M. Chantts.

Per s.s. *President Jefferson*, from Shanghai, on December 21st:—For Hong Kong: Mr. W. Beohl, Mrs. J. R. Fredericks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grieg, Mr. J. R. Hinton, Mr. V. Kugler, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lynch, Miss A. Moran, Mr. W. Murata, Mr. O. Poy, Mr. Chas. Rosselett, and Mr. H. Sulzer. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Baker, Miss H. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bryan, Mr. B. S. Black, Mrs. A. T. Cooper, Mrs. M. F. Dee, Mr. Charles Ferrier, Mr. L. Gieland, Mr. R. R. Hancock, Mrs. W. F. L. Hartigan, Mr. I. M. Haslett, Mr. O. E. Lautzenheiser, Mr. B. H. Lydon, Mr. R. G. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. McCallie, Miss A. McCallie, Miss M. R. Moore, Mrs. M. R. Nicholson, Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Oldham, Judge Burton Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pope, Viscount B. de Rouge, Mr. T. E. Sammang, Mrs. L. P. Wenzell, and Mr. W. M. Weldon.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *General Metzinger*, on December, for Marseilles *viâ* ports:—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Vonwiller, Mr. T. P. Cochrane, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gunn, Miss G. M. Marr, Mr. James Petrie, Mrs. E. Harrold, Mrs. A. B. Harrold, Rev. A. M. Tibbitts, Mr. and Mrs. Rizza, Mr. J. Prigent, Mr. H. Guillory, and Mr. J. Torchausse.

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HONG KONG SHIPPING.

LOCAL AND THROUGH FREIGHTS RETURN TO NORMAL.

The returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that imports for Hong Kong amounted to 13,078 tons of general cargo. Over 50 per cent. of these were carried by Japanese steamers, and only 2,290 tons were on British vessels.

The two best returns were on the s.s. *Tango Maru*, from Yokohama and Nagasaki, which brought 5,685 tons and the *President Jefferson*, from Seattle and Shanghai also discharged 2,105 tons.

Over fifty per cent. of the through freights manifested on the vessels which passed through Hong Kong during the same period, were also on Japanese steamers. Out of the 20,876 tons carried, 10,513 tons were on Japanese vessels and only 79 tons on a British vessel.

The best returns were registered by the *Seattle Maru*, which had 5,330 tons for ports beyond from Calcutta and Singapore. The *President Jefferson* was responsible for 3,312 tons, and the s.s. *Tango Maru*, 3,147 tons, which she brought from Yokohama and Nagasaki.

During the period under review there were 18 arrivals and 18 departures. They were: British, 6 arrivals and 9 departures; Japanese, 5 arrivals and 3 departures; Norwegian, 1 arrival; Chinese, 1 arrival and 3 departures; Dutch, 2 arrivals; French, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Portuguese 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and Swedish, 1 departure. The vessels in port totalled 71, of which 26 were British.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

"PRESIDENT JEFFERSON" SAILS.

HEAVY BOOKINGS OF PASSENGERS FROM HONG KONG.

The s.s. *President Jefferson*, which came into port on Tuesday evening from Shanghai left here yesterday afternoon for Manila.

The liner arrived here with 59 cabin passengers, 27 of whom disemarked here and 32 were through passengers to Manila. She also brought 2,105 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong, and carried 5,330 tons for ports beyond.

Among the passengers were:—

Mr. I. F. Baker and family, *en route* to Manila: Mr. Baker is the manager of the Westinghouse Electric Company's Tokyo branch.

Mrs. L. P. Wenzell; *En route* to Manila to join her husband, a U.S. Navy officer.

Mr. Charles M. Ferrier; Business man of San Francisco, on one of his many orient trips.

Mr. L. Guiland, and Viscount B. de Rouge; Connected with the Red Cross. They are *en route* to Paris.

Judge Burton Payne and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Pope; With the American Red Cross.

Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Oldham; With the Methodist Episcopal Foreign Mission Society. They are going to Singapore.

Mr. B. H. Lydon; Representative of the Studebaker Corp. of America. He is on a trip throughout the orient.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bryan; Connected with the Lawyers Publishing Co., of Manila. They are returning from Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Postnikoff; President of the International Manufacturers Sales Company of America. He is also connected with the Advisory Consul for the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They are on a trip around the world.

Mrs. M. R. Nicholson; Wife of the representative of the U.S. State Dept., at Shanghai.

Mr. R. I. McCallie; Missionaries *en route* to Manila.

Mr. I. M. Haslett; Head of the Y.M.C.A., at Geneva, Switzerland. He is *en route* to New Zealand.

Mr. R. R. Hancock; With the Manila Railroad Co.

Mrs. W. F. L. Hartigan and Miss M. R. Moore; Round the world tourists.

Mrs. M. F. Dee; Manila resident returning to her home after a trip throughout Japan and China.

Mr. W. Weldon and Mr. B. S. Black; Students from Ohio *en route* to Manila.

Mr. O. E. Lautzenheiser; Returning resident of Manila returning to his home after a vacation in the States. He is Cable Clerk in the Governor Generals office.

Mr. R. G. McLeod; District Superintendent of schools in the Philippines. He is returning to his home from a vacation in the States.

Mr. T. Simmang; Well known lawyer from Tientsin. *En route* to Manila.

The *President Jefferson* left here yesterday with 77 passengers for Manila, about 50 of this number having booked from Hong Kong.

THE FERRIES.

ALTERATIONS OF WHARFS IN PROGRESS.

Plans are in hand for alterations at the ferry which it is hoped will prevent to a great extent the impeding of outward and inward traffic. Entrance and exit points are to be clearly defined by barriers and immediate access to the gangway when embarking will be made by a gate at a point much nearer to the seaward end of the wharf than at present. Those disembarking will land in a similar manner to that provided for under the existing system.

The ticket office will be on the right hand side of the "fairway" and incoming and outgoing passengers are asked to keep to the right between barriers.

Whereas, previously, passengers clustered at the gate closely adjoining the present ticket office, the urge will now be towards the end of the wharf and reconstruction is now in hand for an extension of the wharf by 30 feet to allow protection for waiting passengers.

"THE GREAT DIVIDE."

ALICE TERRY AND CONWAY TEARLE IN LEADING ROLES.

TO-NIGHT'S PICTURE AT STAR THEATRE.

Popular acclaim in America was responsible for placing Alice Terry and Conway Tearle in the roles of Ruth Jordan and Stephen Ghent in "The Great Divide," the Metro-Goldwyn screen version of William Vaughan Moody's romance, which opens at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-day, and will be shown until the end of this week.

Suggestions from the public and from dramatic critics throughout the United States, solicited by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio after film rights to the famous play had been acquired, named Mr. Tearle and Miss Terry the ideal pair for the star parts in "The Great Divide."

Almost every leading man and woman in motion pictures was put forward, but the names of Alice Terry and Conway Tearle led by a wide margin. Other prominent players in the cast include Wallace Beery, ZaSu Pitts, Huntly Gordon, Allan Forrest, Ford Sterling, William Orlamond and George Cooper. Waldemar Young prepared the adaptation.

"The Great Divide" was shown at the World Theatre recently, but it is certain that the majority of Kowloon picture-goers have not seen it, so there should be good houses at the Star while it is screened. It is a picture which is worth seeing a second time, and loses nothing of its interest thereby. There will be a continuous performance from 5.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m., and the picture will again be shown at the evening performance, which begins at 9.20.

An additional attraction to-night will be the appearance of Dick Norton and his New Globe Trotters, who are opening a short season at the Star Theatre. This versatile party of entertainers will appear at 7 p.m. and 9.20 p.m. They will present a different programme to those given at the Queen's Theatre, where they have just concluded a successful season.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 22nd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.13	30.25	30.23
Temperature ...	66	52	61
Humidity ...	49	62	57
Wind Direction...	N	NNE	NNE
" Force ...	2	3	2
Weather	B	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

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B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 23rd to 29th, 1926.

Days of Week	Date of Month.	High Water. H. Kong. Standard Time.	Height	Low Water. H. Kong. Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in
Thur.	23	1 46 a	11 3	m 6 28	1 1
		11 19 a	7 1	4 47 a	4 0
Fri.	24	3 2 a	4 3	m 7 16	1 4
		11 55 a	6 6	5 25 a	4 2
Satur.	25	—		m 8 6	1 7
		No inferior	High	nor Low	Water
Sun.	26	m 0 35	6 2	m 8 57	2 0
		5 4 a	4 6	7 18 a	4 5
Mon.	27	m 1 33	5 6	m 9 46	2 3
		5 41 a	4 9	9 45 a	4 5
Tues.	28	m 2 38	5 1	m 10 28	2 5
		5 39 a	5 2	11 34 a	4 1
Wed.	29	m 4 9	4 7	m 11 6	2 7
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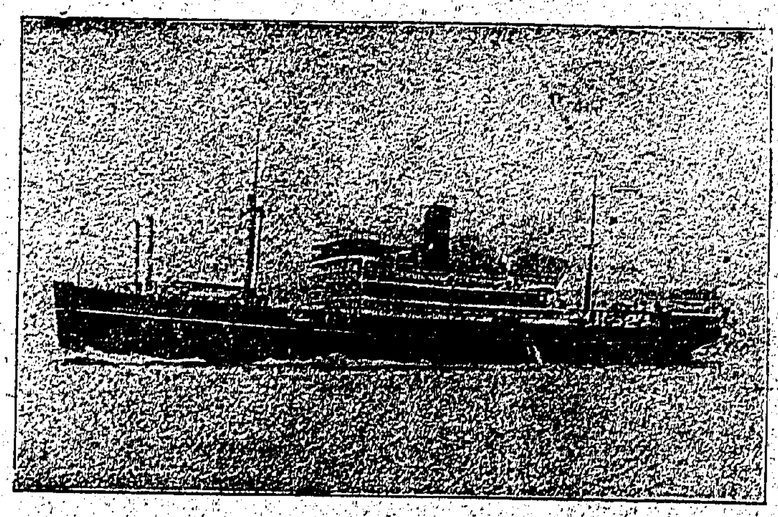

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

December 21st.

Huichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, which port she left on Dec. 17th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S.

Lee Sang, British str., 987 tons, Capt. J. McAinsh, from Canton, with a *nil* entry, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

President Jefferson, American str., 8,443 tons, Capt. F. R. Nichols, from Seattle, which port she left on Nov. 30th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Admiral Oriental Line.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Autou, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi Co.

December 22nd.

Angers, French str., 5,669 tons, Capt. L. Rigand, from Marseilles *via* Saigon. The former port she left on November 19th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Messageries Maritimes.

Hai Hong, British str., 1,270 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Kaitsu Maru, Japanese str., 968 tons, Capt. Y. Mishima, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy B54.—Kaitsu Koshi Co.

Kaijo Maru, Japanese str., 1,126 tons, Capt. Y. Otura, from Swatow, with coal and general cargo amounting to 800 tons, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. C. R. More, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Raymond Poincare, French str., 1,197 tons, Capt. L. Marcel, from Canton, with a *nil* entry, lying at buoy No. No. C41.

Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Harada, from Calcutta and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 16th, with 5,870 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Taikwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. T. Ishiguki, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Tango Maru, Japanese str., 6,893 tons, Capt. M. Matsuda, from Yokohama, which port she left on December 13th, with 3,600 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tjikini, Dutch str., 2,887 tons, Capt. J. van Rees, from Amoy, with pigs, lying at buoy No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

Van Cloon, Dutch str., 2,862 tons, Capt. H. G. Blits, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—J.C.J.L.

Vogtland, German str., 7,706 tons, from Singapore, which port she left on December 16th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jebsen & Co.

Yeijun Maru, Japanese str., 1,284 tons, Capt. R. Fukuhara, from Dairen, which port she left on December 16th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES.

December 22nd.

Angers, for Shanghai.
Chukwa Maru, for Shanghai.
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Kaitsu Maru, for Canton.
Kwai Sang, for Canton.
Kwang Tung, for Canton.
Mexico Maru, for Singapore.
Nellore, for Singapore.
Niitaka Maru, for Canton.
President Jefferson, for Manila.
Seattle Maru, for Kobe.
Sungshan Maru, for Canton.
Taikwa Maru, for Swatow.
Tak Hing, for Autow.
Tango Maru, for Manila.
Tjisalak, for Amoy.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Khiva* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 4 p.m. and is due here to-morrow (Friday), at about 7 a.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Shanghai on December 21st. She left that port yesterday and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due January 27th, 1927.
Canton (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 21st, 1927.
Demodocus (Blue Funnel), due January 4th, 1927.
Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due to-morrow.
Ixion (Blue Funnel), due January 7th, 1927.
Kalyan (P. & O.), due December 26th, about 10 a.m.
Khiva (P. & O.), due to-morrow morning, about 7 o'clock.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due January 5th, 1927.
Terisian (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF 120TH MERIDIAN, OF GREENWICH).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 23rd	6.59 a.m.	5.45 p.m.
,, 24th	7.00 ,,	5.45 ,,
,, 25th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 26th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 27th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 28th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 29th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 30th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 31st	7.03 ,,	5.49 ,,

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship "CITY OF GLASGOW" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 28th December, 1926, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 4th January, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926. [4340

S.S. "ANGERS."

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 28th December, 1926, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 31st December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 28th December, 1926. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926. [4339

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All Claims must reach us by 2nd January, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	...Wednesday,	29th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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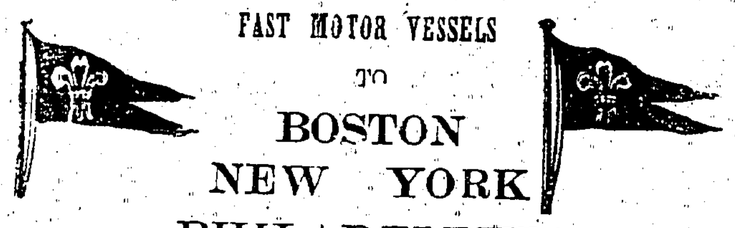

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"NYANZA"	7,023	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
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"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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"KARMALA"	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
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"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.
The E. & A.S.S. Co., Ltd., Steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu, Kolambugan, Tawao, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.
Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.
The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Dec., 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"NAGPORE"	5,293	19th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	21st Jan.	Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,962	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
*Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.
All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.
Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.
Parcels measuring not more than 2½ ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.
For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freights, Handbooks, etc., apply to—
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.
P. & O. Building, Connaught Road Central, HONGKONG. Agents. [1

BOSTON, NEW YORK & BALTIMORE

Joint Service of the
BLUE FUNNEL LINE
(OCEAN S.S. CO., LTD., AND CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO., LTD.)
AND
AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE
(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.)

Sailings from Hongkong.

s.s. "COLORADO"	Via Suez Canal	27th December.	
s.s. "OANFA"	Via Suez Canal	14th January.	
s.s. "CYCLOPS"	Via Suez Canal	28th January.	

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.
Subject to charge without notice.
For Freight and Particulars, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, or THE BANK LINE, LTD., HONGKONG.
HONGKONG AND CANTON, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., CANTON.
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CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,

LIMITED.

SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On	23th Dec.,	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On	26th Dec.,	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On	26th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On	26th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On	28th Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On	28th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On	30th Dec.,	6 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On	30th Dec.,	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On	1st Jan.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On	2nd Jan.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On	2nd Jan.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On	2nd Jan.,	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On	4th Jan.,	6 a.m.

SALOON PASSAGE RATES, HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI and vice versa, Have Now Been Reduced To
$60 SINGLE AND $90 RETURN.
For Freight or Passage apply to— BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
TELEPHONE CENTRAL 36. Agents.
CARGO AND PASSAGE CAN BE INSURED AT THE OFFICE OF BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. [4

AUSTRALIAN-ORIENTAL LINE, LTD.

"CHANGTE" & "TAIPING"
THESE NEW VESSELS MAINTAIN A REGULAR SERVICE FROM
HONGKONG TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS,
VIA MANILA AND THURSDAY ISLAND.
Through Bills of Lading issued to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.
EXCELLENT & MOST UP-TO-DATE FIRST & SECOND CLASS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.
HONGKONG TO SYDNEY—19 DAYS.

STEAMER	DUE HONGKONG ON OR ABOUT	SAILING HENCE ON OR ABOUT
TAIPING	8th January	14th January
CHANGTE	8th February	15th February
TAIPING	11th March	18th March
CHANGTE	12th April	19th April

For Freight and Passage Apply to—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 36. Agents. [5

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

NEW YORK BERTH.
LOADING FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.

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REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FIUME).
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.
REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE OR TRIESTE
"A" CLASS: £72. 10s. 0d. "B" CLASS: £66. 0s. 0d.

NEXT SAILINGS.
OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI

	From Hong Kong.
M.V. "ROMOLO"	Sails on or about 6th January, 1927
M.V. "VIMINALE"	Sails on or about 3rd February, 1927

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

	From Hong Kong.
S.S. "VENEZIA"	Sails on or about 7th January, 1927
M.V. "ROMOLO"	Sails on or about 4th February, 1927
M.V. "VIMINALE"	Sails on or about 4th March, 1927

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS
FROM CALCUTTA AND COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

"UMZUMBI"	Sails from Calcutta End of December.
"UMSINGA"	Sails from Calcutta 31st January,

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
Through Bills of Lading issued from Hong Kong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines, apply to:—
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
Telephone: Central 1030. Agents.
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA COAST PORT SERVICE.

REGULAR SERVICE of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers. Sailings subject to alteration without notice.
FOR
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW
AND RETURN
(Occupying 6 to 9 Days)

HAIHONG	Friday,	24th December, at 1 p.m.
HAINING	Tuesday,	28th December, at 2 p.m.

Calling at Swatow and Amoy for Passengers only.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hong Kong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) or vice versa and Return by the same Steamer at the Reduced Rate of $30.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.
For Freight and Passage apply to—
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Saturday, the 25th inst., and Monday, the 27th inst., the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

The G.P.O. and Kowloon Branch—Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Monday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Wantsai, Sheungwan, Saiyingpun, Yaumati and Shamshuipo Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m., each day.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	23rd Dec.
Shanghai	*Yingchow* ...	23rd Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai & London via Canada (London, 19th November)	*Emp. of Canada*	24th Dec.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ...	*Khiva*	24th Dec.
Straits	*Nanking*	24th Dec.
Straits	*Tsinanfu*	25th Dec.
Shanghai	*Shantung*	25th Dec.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 25th Nov., & parcels, 15th Nov.)	*Kalyan*	26th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson*	29th Dec.
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*	30th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	31st Dec.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Grant* ...	2nd Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ..	*Pres. Adams* ...	3rd Jan.
Shanghai	*Anazone*	4th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Cleveland* ...	6th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Thursday, 23rd,
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 3rd Jan., 1927	*Tango Maru* ...	Reg. 8.45 A M, Letters 9.30 A M
Shanghai and Japan	*Vogtland* ...	10.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Nellora* ...	10.30 A M
Fort Bayard	*Hydrangea* ...	2.00 P M
Straits	*Van Cloon* ...	2.30 P M
Saigon	*Prominent* ...	2.30 P M
		Friday, 24th,
Java via Sourabaia	*Tjikini*	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Noon
Bandakan	*Marsang* ...	12.30 P M
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	1.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd Jan., 1927—Ship sails on Xmas day, the 24th inst. at noon	*Khiva*	Parcels 3.00 P M, Reg. 5.00 P M, Letters 5.00 P M
Shanghai	*Kwai Sang* ...	5.00 P M
		Saturday, 25th,
Shanghai	*Szechuen*	9.00 A M
Wei Hai Wei	*Huichow*	9.00 A M
Manila	*Emp. of Canada* ...	9.00 A M
Amoy	*Namsang*	9.00 A M
		Sunday, 26th,
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kiangsu*	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	*Kaijo Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	*Kalyan*	9.00 A M
		Monday, 27th,
Amoy	*Shantung*	9.00 A M
		Tuesday, 28th,
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning* ...	1.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th Jan., 1927	*Autolycus* ...	Reg. 1.45 P M, Letters 2.30 P M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

LONDON SERVICE.

"AUTOLYCUS" 23th Dec. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Hamburg.
"AENEAS" 11th Jan. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.
"AGAPENOR" 25th Jan. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Hamburg.
"SARPEDON" 9th Feb. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"DOLIUS" 20th Jan. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"DEUCALION" 20th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"MEDON" 20th Mar. Genoa, Havre & Liverpool.
"PHILOCTETES" 23rd Mar. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.
(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA)

"PHILOCTETES" 31st Dec. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"TYNDAREUS" 29th Jan. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"OANFA" 14th Jan. New York, Boston & Baltimore.
"CYCLOPS" 28th Jan. New York, Boston & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"AENEAS" 11th Jan. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"SARPEDON" 9th Feb. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"PATROCLUS" 9th Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"ANTENOR" 6th April Singapore, Marseilles & London.

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.

For freight and passage rates and information apply to:—

Butterfield & Swire,

Agents. [6

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 22nd, 1926.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 3/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/0 3/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/0 5/16
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,155
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,37a
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	46⅞
Credits, at 60 days' sight	46⅜
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	129¼
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	129¼
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight / Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On Yokohama.—On demand	95¾
On Manila.—On demand	94
On Singapore.—On demand	83⅛
On Batavia.—On demand	116¾
On Haiphong.—On demand	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	nom.
On Bangkok.—On demand	96½
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	$10.10
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	—
Bar Silver, per oz.	24 9/16

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £4,500,000
Silver $27,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

Head Office: Hong Kong.

Court of Directors:
Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman.
Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Deputy Chairman.
W. H. Bell, Esq. J. A. Plummer, Esq.
A. H. Compton, Esq. T. G. Weall, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq. H. P. White, Esq.
G. M. Young, Esq.
Chief Manager:
A. H. Barlow, Esq.

Branches:—

Amoy	Hongkew	Peking
Bangkok	Iloilo	Penang
Batavia	Ipoh	Rangoon
Bombay	Johore	Saigon
Calcutta	Kobe	SanFrancisco
Canton	Kuala	Shanghai
Chefoo	Lumpur	Singapore
Colombo	London	Sourabaya
Dairen	Lyons	Sungei
Foochow	Malacca	Patani
Haiphong	Manila	Tientsin
Hamburg	Moukden	Tokyo
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Harbin	New York	Yokohama

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [25

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [2

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: Hong Kong.
10, Des Vœux Road Central.

Authorized Capital $10,000,000
Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
Reserve Fund 1,800,000

Branches and Agencies.

Canton	Osaka	Haiphong
London	Singapore	Batavia
Seattle	Melbourne	Kowloon
Nagasaki	Calcutta	New York
Tientsin	Saigon	Kobe
Manila	San Francisco	Peking
Bombay	Taipeh	Rangoon
Shanghai	Tokyo	Sourabaya
Paris	Penang	Semarang
Honolulu		

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.
Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.
Kan Tong Po,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1926.

EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION.

AN AMERICAN BANK.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
U.S. $3,000,000.00

HEAD OFFICE:
37, Wall Street,
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BRANCHES:
SHANGHAI.

General Banking and Exchange Business.
Interest Allowed on all Deposits.
Rates on Application.
London and Paris Agents:
EQUITABLE TRUST Co., of N.Y.
38] D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund .....Frs. 59,667,283.54

Branches:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
FortBayard	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Yunnanfou

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
In London: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
In New York: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according counts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid-up) .....Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund .....Yen 89,500,000

Head Office: Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rangoon
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
Bombay	Karachi	Soerabaya
Buenos Ayres	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Lyons	Semarang
Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Singapore
	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
Fengtien (Mukden)	Nagoya	Sydney
	Osaka	Tientsin
Hamburg	New York	Tokyo
Hankow	Peking	Tsinanfu
Harbin	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtau
Hong Kong	Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th Dec., 1926. [35

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital .....Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves .....Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital .....Frs. 50,000,000

Branches:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hong-Kong	

Bankers:
France: Société Generalé, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd December, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD. (Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ....Yen 39,375,000

Head Office:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
Formosa:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Heito, Taito.
China:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
Others:—Hong Kong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York, Calcutta.

London Bankers:
The London County Westminster and Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, &c.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
T. TAKAGI,
Manager.
Hong Kong Branch,
8, Des Vœux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1926. [27

This advertisement is issued by the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd.

THE BANK OF CHINA. 中國銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital....$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 19,760,200.00
Reserve Fund 9,864,398.69

Head Office:—Peking.
Hong Kong Branch:—4, Queen's Road Central.
Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.
London Bankers:—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, The National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
New York Bankers:—The Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Special facilities for domestic exchange.
TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hong Kong, January 16th, 1926. [38

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(Netherlands Trading Society).

Established 1824.
Hong Kong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital	Guilders 150,000,000	(£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital	,, 80,000,000	(£6,666,670)
Reserve Fund	,, 21,117,340	(£1,759,778)
Special Reserves	,, 22,660,000	(£1,888,330)

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.
Branches:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta, The Hague, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pecalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Samarang, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap, Weltevreden and Sibolga (Sumatra).
London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents all over the World.
Banking Business of Every Description.
J. C. MAASSEN,
Acting Manager.
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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,800,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund £1,350,000

Bankers:
The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
Bombay	Kota Bharu	
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
Colombo		Shanghai
Delhi	Kuantan (Pahang)	Simla
Galle	Madras	Singapore
Hong Kong	New York	Sourabaya
Howrah		

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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, June 17th, 1926. [29

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

Agencies and Branches.

Aloe Star (Malay States)	Iloilo	Rangoon
Amritsar	Ipoh	Saigon
Bangkok	Karachi	Semarang
Batavia	Klang	Seremban
Bombay	Kobe	Shanghai
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore
Canton	Kuching	Sourabaya
Cawnpore	Madras	Taiping (F.M.S.)
Cebu	Manila	Tavoy
Colombo	Medan	Tientsin
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